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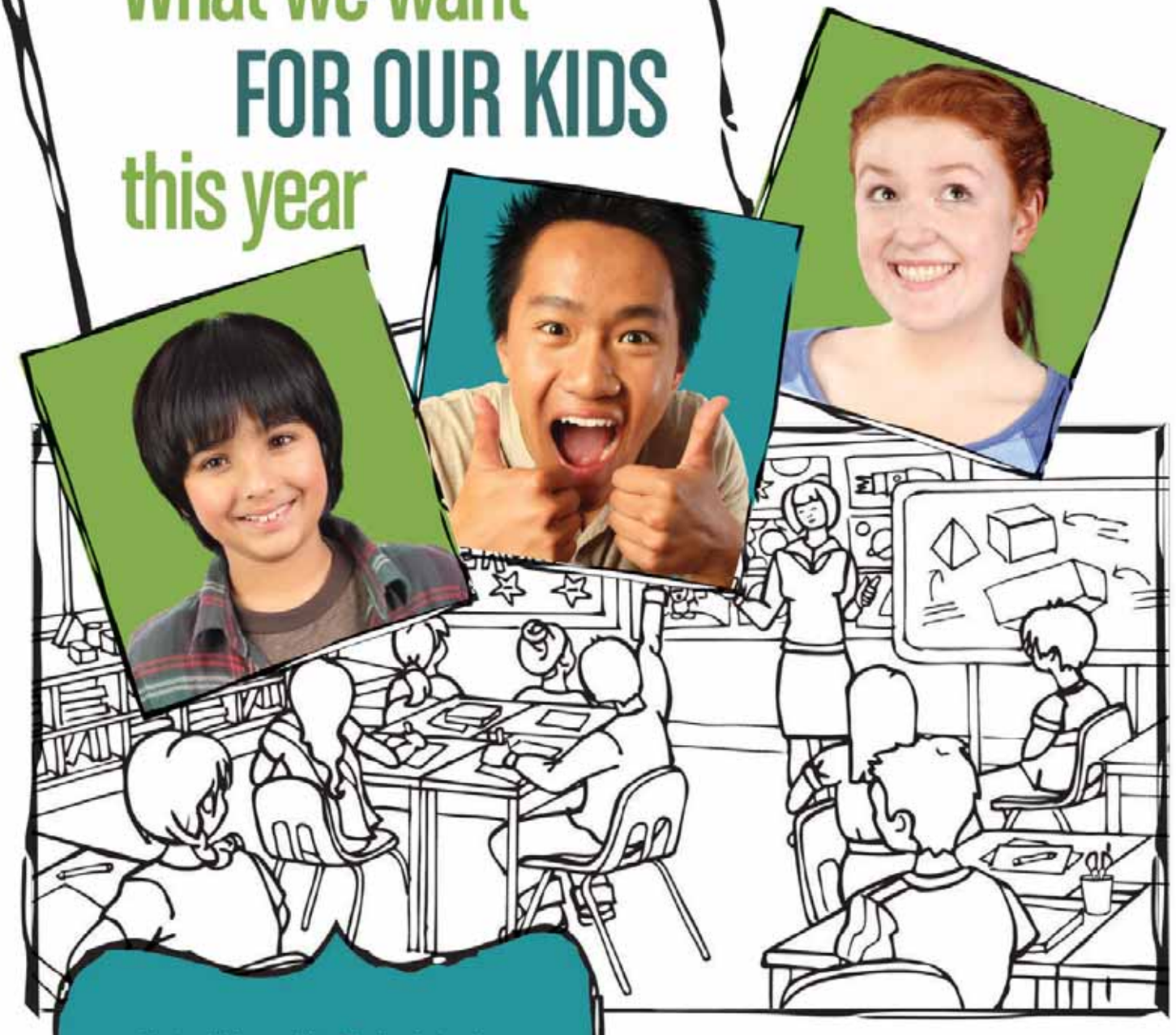

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B.C.'s carbon tax caused drop in gas demand, study shows

Introduced in 2008. Researchers speculate tax raised 'flag' for people to think about behavioural change

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B.C.'s carbon tax caused a drop in gasoline consumption nearly five times higher than what identical market fluctuations alone could have caused, according to the findings in a new and unpublished study.

The draft paper, authored by University of Ottawa environmental economists Nicholas Rivers and Brandon Schaufele, has been submitted to the B.C. Ministry of Finance for consideration as part of its ongoing carbon-tax review.

"If you actually go and look at the way that people respond to prices in the real world, you find that there are these anomalies, and that people do actually respond to price changes due to taxes quite differently than they respond to price changes due to just any idiosyncratic reason," Rivers told Metro on Tuesday.

"We're thinking it was kind of a flag that was raised to say, 'The price of gasoline is going up; you should think about changing your behaviour.'"

The researchers used statistical models to control for other potential explanatory variables, such as increases in household incomes, the recession, and changes in the energy efficiency in the vehicle stock.

Comparing Statistics Canada data going back to 1990, Rivers and Schaufele produced a model that found a five-cent increase in the carbon tax generated a 10.6 per cent short-run reduction in gasoline demand, while a five-cent increase due to market volatility only produced a 2.2 per cent lag in consumption.

The study says the carbon-pricing policy reduced emissions by more than three million tonnes, of which 79.1 per cent "would not have been achieved if individuals responded to carbon taxes in the same way as to identical changes in gasoline prices caused by other factors."

He emphasized that the paper's causal hypothesis is purely speculative at this point, and that the models used are still subject to peer review.

Jordan Bateman, director of the B.C. branch of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, suggested Monday to Metro that a reactionary jump in cross-border gas shopping could account for the drop in demand at the pump.

But Rivers said there is insufficient evidence of that, since cross-border shopping was around long before the tax's introduction in 2008, and not enough British Columbians live close enough to the border for their choices to explain the difference.

Another study published in June by the same university found that B.C.'s petroleum-fuel consumption per person dropped by 15.1 per cent from 2008 to 2011, while it only dropped by 1.3 per cent in the rest of the country during that period.

Rivers said he is currently collecting feedback from experts and expects to submit the paper to a journal for a blind peer review within a couple of months.

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In N.Y.C., spirited Surrey teen is belle of the ball

Spirit Day founder. Anti-bullying activist will be featured in the October issue of Seventeen magazine

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A Surrey teen could be ringing the opening bell at the NASDAQ stock market in New York, an honour typically given to celebrities and business bigwigs.

Brittany McMillan, a 17-year-old Surrey resident, ignited a national initiative in support of LGBT youth two years ago, which has been promoted by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) and gained support from Hollywood celebrities like Ellen DeGeneres and Tyra Banks.

She founded Spirit Day, celebrated on Oct. 20, during which people wear purple to take a stand against LGBT youth bullying.

McMillan says she expects to fly to New York and ring the opening bell on Oct. 19, officially signifying the start of another busy trading day on Wall Street. "We're still in the planning stages, so nothing is for sure yet, but that's the plan," she said Tuesday.

"I just feel honoured," she added. "As someone who is not even from the same country, and someone who isn't even a legal adult yet, it is amazing to have these opportunities. It's great to know that I have so much support in New York, that they'd actually want me to do something like this."

The young LGBT crusader was also one of five finalists in Seventeen magazine's second annual Pretty Amazing cover contest. Though she didn't win and won't be gracing the cover, she will still be featured along with the other finalists in the U.S. publication's October issue.

"It's really exciting to actually be in the magazine, especially because it is the October issue and that's when Spirit Day is, so it seems like perfect timing," McMillan said.

In June, she was flown to New York with the other four finalists and met the contest judges: Actress Emma Roberts, celebrity blogger Jared Eng of JustJared.com and Seventeen magazine's editor-in-chief Ann Shoket. "It was so crazy to be able to talk to them about the stuff that I've done and I've been through," she said.

Shoket called McMillan on Monday to tell her about the contest results, but also expressed an interest in doing more outreach for Spirit Day this year.

"I got an email (Monday morning) from someone who works at Seventeen, and she is brainstorming on ways that Seventeen could have a bigger impact this year ... and how they can get their readers to participate," she added.

The busy teen is also working on putting together a two-day rally in October with the City of Surrey to get schools and businesses involved in celebrating Spirit Day.

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"It's great to know that I have so much support in New York, that they'd actually want me to do something like (ring the NASDAQ bell.)"
Brittany McMillan

Brittany McMillan, right, poses with actress Emma Roberts at a luncheon in New York for the finalists of Seventeen magazine's second annual Pretty Amazing cover contest. McMillan is a young LGBT crusader from Surrey who founded Spirit Day, a global anti-bullying initiative. COURTESY OF SEVENTEEN MAGAZINE

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Expectations

Keeping tabs on IIO's first case

All eyes are on the Independent Investigations Office as it works through its first case.

Many civil-liberties advocates are using the independent body's first criminal investigation to gauge how effective the civilian-led agency will be.

"I expect the IIO to conduct a thorough and timely homicide investigation without displaying any fear and favouritism to those involved," said Cameron Ward, a lawyer who has long advocated for civilian oversight of investigations involving police officers.

Ward says the perception has always been that police treat investigations involving officers "very differently" than those involving civilians.

"The new office has to conduct a proper, independent investigation," Ward said. "The concept (behind the IIO) is theoretically sound, but we're going to have to see this office in practice to see if it works."

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IIO thrown into action after man killed by police in Prince George

Independent Investigations Office chief civilian director Richard Rosenthal. METRO FILE

Investigation. Civilian-led team got call 16 minutes after the shooting: Spokesperson

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It didn't take long for the Independent Investigations Office to get its first case.

On the same day the new civilian-led police investigation team began operations, members of the IIO were scrambled to Prince George Monday night after RCMP shot and killed a man during a standoff.

"We were notified within 16 minutes of the incident," said IIO spokesperson Owen Court. "Prince George RCMP locked down the scene for us. Our investigators arrived on scene at midnight and launched a criminal investigation."

The IIO is responsible for investigating all incidents where police in B.C. kill or injure people, ending the long-standing and much-criticized practice of police officers investigating their peers.

Ten investigators from the IIO are now in Prince George.

At the end of the criminal investigation, they will decide whether the officer acted appropriately or whether criminal charges should be recommended. Either way, the IIO will publicly report its findings, according to Court.

According to Prince George RCMP, officers set up a perimeter around a rural area near the city while searching for the suspect of a criminal offence Sunday. On Monday evening, an incident occurred between the suspect and the RCMP emergency-response team that led to the shooting.

The suspect died.

No police officers were injured, according to RCMP.

RCMP immediately locked down the scene, notified the IIO and let the independent agency take over the investigation.

"We're pleased with the response time and the level of co-operation," said Court.

The identity of the victim has not yet been released.

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McLachlan, Clinton, Bryan Adams headline fundraiser

Charity event. Sarah McLachlan says she's pulling out 'all the stops' for Voices in the Park this Saturday

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Q: How do you get an ex-American president to appear at a Vancouver fundraiser for inner city kids?

A: If you're Sarah McLachlan, just ask.

McLachlan, who lives in Vancouver, was at a fundraiser for Bill Clinton eight months ago — one of many she's done for him over the years — when he sat down with her to chat and ask what she was up to.

She told him about Voices in the Park, the concert she is headlining in Stanley Park this Saturday to benefit her Sarah McLachlan School of Music (SoM).

The decade-old school just off Main Street, which she founded and funds largely out of her own pocket, provides free after-school music education to underserved and at-risk children.

"I told him all about the school and all about the event and he said, 'Well, you've been so wonderful and helpful to me all these years, is there anything I can do?' McLachlan recounted on Tuesday.

Bryan Adams GETTY IMAGES

Sarah McLachlan headlines Voices in the Park this Saturday. COURTESY OF SONY MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT CANADA

"And so of course I immediately said, 'Well, can you come to the event?' And he looked at me and he thought for a moment and he said, 'Yeah, I could do that.'"

The Grammy Award-winning songstress said the swaggering tenor-sax player is expected to swoop into YVR with the Secret Service just long enough to deliver a speech about how much music meant to him growing up, and how it moulded him.

She still doesn't know at what time during the 4 to 11 p.m. concert schedule that will happen, since the Secret Service likes to keep these things, well, secret. But as soon as he's done, she said, he will disappear on his jet from whence he came.

Clinton certainly isn't the only huge name set to help the beloved multi-platinum-selling artist reach her goal of raising $1 million.

She will be joined on stage by Vancouver native Bryan Adams, Stevie Nicks, Hedley, Jann Arden, Chin Injeti, The Boom Booms, Hey Ocean! and White-horse.

"These kinds of events, when you're putting them together, you kind of pull out all the stops," McLachlan explained of how she got everyone on board.

"I wrote a lot of letters, and I made phone calls and emailed people I knew, and predominantly the people who said yes were the people I knew and had a relationship with."

Last year the SoM had 280 children registered in its after-school programs. This year she said more than 360 are taking guitar, piano, percussion, songwriting, production and video classes, as well as participating in ensembles and two choirs.

"We've seen kids who were so shy coming into the program that they couldn't even look at the teachers, and at the end of it they're up there performing or they're speaking publicly about their experiences, and the sense of confidence and self-worth that the program is nurturing is really powerful," she said.

General-admission tickets to Voices in the Park are $85, and while some sections of reserved seating toward the front are sold out, others still have tickets available ranging from $110 to $185.

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Vancouver Island. Cabbie ticketed after collision with Mounties at red light

Four Nanaimo Mounties are suffering from back and neck injuries following a collision involving a taxi on central Vancouver Island Tuesday.

Police say the officers were in an unmarked vehicle and stopped at a red light on Highway 19A when they were hit from behind by a taxi.

The officers suffered soft-tissue injuries, and police say paramedics transported the members to hospital for treatment.

Police say the officers were released from hospital by mid-afternoon and are expected to be off work for several days.

The 59-year-old driver of the taxi was not injured in the accident and declined medical treatment.

Police say they have issued the taxi driver a ticket for not stopping at a red light.

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Economy. Liberals tout success of their Jobs Plan

Finance Minister Mike de Jong says B.C.'s year-old Jobs Plan is doing what it was supposed to do — create jobs and attract investment.

De Jong says B.C. is leading Canada in job growth, having created 51,700 jobs from August 2011 to August 2012, while project investment has topped $80 billion.

But economists' endorsements of B.C.'s economic prospects are not as robust as the word from de Jong and the Liberal government.

Central 1 Credit Union economist Bryan Yu says job-creation numbers rebounded in August after a decline in July, but overall the provincial economy appears to be slowing down due to declines in the U.S., Europe and China.

RBC, meanwhile, says a federal shipbuilding contract and modernization at Rio Tinto's smelter in Kitimat will stimulate job and economic growth next year, but sluggish trade performance could also work against that trend.

Opposition New Democrat finance critic Bruce Ralston contends the Liberals are backdating the job statistics by an extra month to August 2011, boosting the figure by almost 28,000 jobs.

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"Just as we all know that governments can stand in the way of private-sector growth ... so too can governments assist, through the creation of a competitive tax environment, prudent fiscal management and reduction of red tape."

Finance Minister Mike de Jong

Court

Man pleads guilty in dad's death

A Nanaimo man accused of killing his father during a camping trip on the west coast of Vancouver Island has pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

Alphonse Brendon Menard was set to stand trial in B.C. Supreme Court in Duncan on a second-degree murder charge, but pleaded guilty to the lesser charge during the opening minutes of Tuesday's trial.

Menard's lawyer, Bert King, says his client is responsible for his father's death but that his actions were not intentional.

Tony Menard, 52, was shot multiple times with a semi-automatic rifle near Nitnat Lake, east of Bamfield, in July 2010 and his son will be sentenced on Sept. 21. CKWV

David Shearing

Killer seeking parole again

People affected by a mass murderer's rampage in B.C.'s Interior 30 years ago are bracing themselves for the killer's second bid for parole.

Next week, David Shearing will appear for a parole hearing at the Bowden Institution in Alberta after pleading guilty to killing a family of six that was camping near Wells Gray Provincial Park in August 1982.

Now-retired RCMP Cpl. Dwight Huglund was one of the lead investigators in the case, and he says the parole board should never let Shearing out due to his heinous crimes.

Shearing got the maximum sentence of life without parole for 25 years, and now goes by the name David Ennis. CFJC

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson inspects a green yard-and-food-waste bin Tuesday. He announced that all food scraps and food-soiled paper are now accepted in the green bin. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Vancouver expands curbside composting

Recycling. All food waste can now be tossed into green bins

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Food scraps — everything from meat to pizza boxes — are now welcome in your green bin.

Mayor Gregor Robertson announced the expansion in the city's food-scraps recycling program Tuesday, which means Vancouverites living in single-family homes and duplexes can now add fish, bones, bread, and food-soiled paper such as napkins and paper plates along with yard trimmings to compost bins.

"Everybody needs to step up and be more responsible with their waste," Robertson told reporters during a demonstration.

Robertson says this is a good head start towards the Metro Vancouver ban on all organic material from landfills by 2015.

"It's really important in the meantime that people get accustomed to putting their food scraps into the green bins and they go through the composting cycle rather than landfill or incineration," he added.

Robertson estimates that 40 per cent of the garbage we send to the landfill is made up of food scraps and other compostable materials.

The program, which will apply to about 90,000 homes and duplexes, builds on a pilot project introduced in 2010. It was restricted to uncooked fruits, vegetables, coffee grounds, egg shells and tea bags.

Robertson is also expecting to see businesses and apartment buildings have food-scraps recycling services in place in the future.

"Several buildings have been in a trial now," he said. "I'm expecting to hear back from staff next month on the results of that trial and recommendations for accelerating ... so that we offer that opportunity to all residents and businesses."

Garbage-pickup schedules will remain as is. Changes are expected next spring when regular collection will be reduced to biweekly service and weekly green-bin pickups.

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Two-plane crash blamed on pilot error

A series of missteps led to a fatal mid-air collision between two single-engine aircraft above the Fraser Valley in February 2011, says a new report.

The Transportation Safety Board report released Tuesday states that moments before the crash, the pilot of one of the small planes lost sight of the lead aircraft in the four-plane flying formation.

After adopting a different flight path, the pilot tried to rejoin the formation but unintentionally placed his aircraft on a collision course with the lead aircraft, says the report.

The resulting crash sent both Cessnas spiralling towards the valley below.

While the pilot of one of the planes, a Cessna 150L, was able to recover and land his plane in a farm field, the second pilot crashed into a shallow slough, killing himself and his passenger.

Killed were pilot Donn Hubble, 60, and Patrick Lobsinger, 70.

The report says that during a 15-degree right turn, the pilot of the 150L lost sight of the lead aircraft, turned to the right and descended.

A few moments later he turned left and climbed, searching for the leader and attempting to rejoin the formation, and that's when the two Cessnas collided.

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"The flight profiles of both accident aircraft indicate that neither pilot saw the other aircraft in sufficient time to initiate effective and timely evasive action."

Transportation Safety Board report

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Anger. With lagging wages, ICBC workers plan to walk out for a day

More than 1,500 ICBC employees, including 1,200 in the Lower Mainland, will hold a one-day strike next week, the union announced Tuesday.

The Sept. 18 strike will involve employees at 55 claims-related ICBC locations. The union says it's part of an "escalating strategy" to bring ICBC back to the bargaining table.

"These are employees who have been without a contract for over two years," David Black, president of COPE 378, said in a release.

"Their wages are falling behind while ICBC executives and business partners (get) massive salary increases and $1.2 billion of ICBC profits went into government revenues."

The workers were not part of last week's BCGEU strike.

METRO

Silver lining?

First snowfall hits ski resort

Officials at Silver Star Mountain Resort near Vernon hope the first autumn snowfall is a sign of a good season to come.

Sales and marketing director Marke Dickson says seven centimetres of snow fell in the village.

The resort opens for the winter season on Nov. 29. Nordic skiing is set to open in early November.

CKIZ

Woman, 72

Missing? She just changed plans

A 72-year-old woman with a heart condition who went missing on a trip between Abbotsford and Trail was found in Midway on Tuesday.

Police say Diana Noreen Latondress visited a friend in Abbotsford Sunday and said she'd drive back to Trail Monday. She decided to extend her journey, police said.

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Peachland fire conquered, but life not yet too peachy

Tanker planes 'bomb' houses. Cool temperatures and rain quell the blazes, allowing many of the 1,500 forced out to return home

Firefighter Matthew Pixton sprays hot spots after the Peachland wildfire. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The flames were a stone's throw from Maggie Dawson's log home, perched on the Okanagan hillside, when she decided it was time to leave.

She and her dog Roy were in the garage preparing to drive away when she heard the loud buzz of a tanker overhead. She stepped outside to have a look.

"You couldn't see it (the plane) because of all the smoke, and then all of a sudden I saw this … stuff coming down," Dawson, 33, recalled Tuesday.

"As I stepped in the garage, this red lands on our driveway.... A huge pile of red stuff landed on our driveway. I've never seen it before."

Dawson's house, garage, driveway and even the firewood were left covered in an even coating of red fire retardant, which was dropped throughout the area by the tankers in a bid to stop the spread of a fire that was being fanned by high winds.

The fire broke out Sunday afternoon on the outskirts of the small community of Peachland, 380 kilometres northeast of Vancouver.

Three homes and an abandoned house were destroyed and 1,500 people had to flee.

Dawson and her husband, Adrian, were allowed to return Monday evening.

Earlier in the day, a neighbour who snuck into the evacuation zone told them their house was OK, but covered in red fire retardant and white foam.

Her husband spent Tuesday using a pressure washer to clean it off.

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Stranded sailor airlifted from fishing vessel

Search-and-rescue. Technicians says three-metre sea swells made evacuation challenging

A B.C. search-and-rescue crew had to be called to hoist a sailor from a fishing vessel almost 200 kilometres off the northern tip of Vancouver Island.

The rescue call was made from a 55-metre commercial fishing vessel to the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre early Tuesday.

A crew from the centre's Cormorant helicopter responded and managed to lower two rescue technicians, including Sgt. Shawn Harrison, to the deck of the boat to help with the evacuation.

Harrison says the tricky part was getting on board because of the three-metre sea swells.

Once on the ship, Harrison says the duo managed to load the patient in a basket and raise him to the chopper within five minutes.

The ailing crewman is now in stable condition in hospital.

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Crime

Arrest made in woman's murder

A 19-year-old Port Hardy man has been charged in connection with the murder of a 28-year-old woman.

Dakota Dillon Johnny was arrested shortly before midnight on Sunday after police responded to a call about a woman who had apparently been physically assaulted at an abandoned house.

Cindy Scow died of her injuries Monday. An autopsy will be conducted to determine the cause of death.

Johnny is scheduled to make his next court appearance on Friday.

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Scaling great heights for charity

Camille Consunji, one of 107 participants, rappels down a 20-storey office building on West Hastings for the 2012 Easter Seals Drop Zone. The annual event dares thrill-seekers to rappel 200 feet down a skyscraper to raise money for the Easter Seals. Last year, more than $190,000 was raised to help B.C. children with disabilities. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

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Matthew

He has a very approachable personality. It is not like "I am here and you are just a lowly person". He seems relaxed, he makes jokes, and he goes over the information more than once and answers questions readily.
Whitney

I have done as much research as I could on my own, but nothing as intense as what I just experienced. Lots of info that I don't know how I would have found out other than by making the mistakes and finding out the hard way.
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The fix is in: Canadian Soccer League infiltrated by crime

A small crowd assembles for the CSL championship match at Toronto's BMO Field between the Trois-Rivières Attak and Serbian White Eagles on Oct. 24, 2009. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Fans chant during a Toronto Croatia match in North Toronto in 2007. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

The Trois-Rivières Attak's Serge Dinkota shoots past Serbian White Eagles keeper Dan Pelc during the CSL championship match in October 2009. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Canadian Soccer League. Metro editor working with CBC threatened at Toronto home while investigating match-fixing ring

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You could be forgiven if you've never heard of the Canadian Soccer League.

Save for a sprinkling of fans who attend games and watch the occasional screening on Rogers TV, few will have ever heard of the small backwater league fielding teams in Ontario and Quebec.

Yet online betting sites offer lines on every CSL game. This has attracted European match fixers looking for an easy target.

In an investigation I worked on with the CBC, we discovered that match fixers have travelled thousands of kilometres to pay Canadian players for desired results. Our domestic league has been powerless, unwilling or unable to stop it. And this match-fixing syndicate has tried to infiltrate the league to a point that few would have imagined. The results of the investigation will be shown tonight on The National at 10 p.m. and will be published in tomorrow's Metro.

This investigation stemmed from a German court case last year in which the main defendants, Ante Sapina and Mario Cvrtak, admitted to fixing a CSL game on Sept. 12, 2009. That game was between the Toronto Croatia and the Trois-Rivières Attak — at the time, a farm team for the Montreal Impact.

Since the day I brought CBC this story 18 months ago, a lot has happened.

I have had people come to my home with death threats; I've moved my family to ensure their safety and struggled with the stress that comes with learning to live while looking over your shoulder.

When I realized why those two men had threatened me, it made the pit of my stomach drop out at the thought of how close they had been to me. They waited outside my building to let me know that the questions I was asking around the CSL were not ones they approved of — but they mostly did it to send a message.

Others too have received that message. Witnesses to the fixing have come forward, only to drop away suddenly. Players, coaches and entire teams have walked away from the game they love because of the stink that comes from these types of allegations.

Tonight's documentary will walk viewers through how the fixing occurs. It will show why this group and others like it are targeting the CSL. And it will show just how easy it is to manipulate a game for money.

In the grand scheme of things, Canadian soccer is still very much in its infancy. The Canadian Soccer Association may be celebrating its centenary this year but it's really only come into its own in the last 10 years as local soccer has become a priority to fans in this country.

With that newfound love comes a level of naiveté — a sense that the ills that have plagued the world could never come here.

And if Canadians are finally catching on to this game that the rest of the world calls football, they're also about to get a harsh wake-up call to the realities that come with it.

Read tomorrow's Metro for more details.

By the numbers

16

Number of teams in the Canadian Soccer League.

National participation

3.1M

FIFA estimates that 3.1 million Canadians, adults and youths, regularly play organized soccer in Canada.

Inaugural season

2006

Year the current incarnation of the Canadian Soccer League was formed.

From CSL to MLS

- **Toronto.** Major League Soccer's Toronto FC has seven players on its senior squad that have played their way up through the CSL. Oscar Cordon, Doniel Henry, Nicholas Lindsay, Keith Makubuya, Ashtone Morgan, Quillan Roberts and Matt Stinson all began their road to the pros with Toronto FC Academy, which plays in the CSL.
- **Vancouver.** Prior to joining Whitecaps FC Residency, Bryce Alderson played in the CSL reserve league. He scored three goals in 12 appearances for SC Toronto.

Gambling

Small league prompting big-time bets

The CSL provides a lucrative playground for online gambling. ISTOCK

Each week, 10 of the biggest online betting sites offer lines on every Canadian Soccer League game.

Bookmakers will take bets up to and during the game. With no way to watch the games online, betting houses send what are called "runners" to each CSL game to report the game live by cellphone. This is designed to prevent betters and fixers from adding bets throughout the game before the bookmakers can change their odds.

What the runner and betting houses do is all perfectly legal and it's part of the billion-dollar global online-gambling industry. BEN RYCROFT/METRO

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Thousands gather across U.S. to honour 9-11 victims

11 years later. Memorials at three crash sites scaled back after 10-year mark, making experiences more personal

Americans marked the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on a crisp, sunny day much like the one 11 years ago when nearly 3,000 victims were killed in the worst terror attack in U.S. history.

The commemoration was smaller and more subdued, a reflection of the nation moving on after a decade of remembrance.

Hundreds gathered at the World Trade Center site in New York, the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pa., to read the names of the dead.

"Our country is safer, and our people are resilient," President Barack Obama said in a ceremony at the White House. He and first lady Michelle Obama laid a wreath at the Pentagon, above a concrete slab that said "Sept. 11, 2001 — 937 am."

They later visited the graves of recent war dead from Afghanistan and Iraq at Arlington National Cemetery. The U.S. military death toll years ago surpassed the 9-11 victim count.

Some said last year's 10th anniversary was a turning point for public mourning. For the first time, elected officials weren't speaking at the New York ceremony.

"I feel much more relaxed" this year, said Jane Pollicino, who came to remember her husband.

Thousands had attended the ceremony in New York in previous years. This time, the crowd reached about 1,000 by late Tuesday morning. A few hundred attended ceremonies at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania.

Allied military forces marked the anniversary at a short ceremony at NATO's headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A woman mourns on the wall engraved with the names of victims during observances at the National September 11 Memorial in New York on Tuesday. CRAIG RUTTLE/NEWSDAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rights violation?

Surveillance program up for renewal

The Obama administration maintains it is unable to say how many times one of the government's most politically sensitive anti-terrorism surveillance programs — which is up for renewal this week in Congress — has inadvertently gathered intelligence about U.S. citizens.

The administration is seeking renewal of the program, however, and defends its value.

In a briefing for reporters on the 11th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the general counsel for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence said Tuesday that the program designed to monitor international communications by terrorist suspects has collected an extraordinary amount of valuable intelligence overseas about foreign terrorist suspects while simultaneously protecting civil liberties of Americans.

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U.S. President Barack Obama, Michelle Obama and members of the White House staff pause during a moment of silence to mark the 11th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. CAROLYN KASTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Presidential race. Obama, Romney put politics on hold to attend memorials

President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney are muting the partisan rancour that has marked their race for the White House, giving Americans a day off from negative advertising and cutting politics on the 11th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

With the Nov. 6 election less than two months away, however, neither candidate was staying out of sight. Obama observed a moment of silence at the White House before visiting the Pentagon, the target of one of four planes al-Qaida hijacked 11 years ago

At the U.S. defence headquarters, one of the Sept. 11 targets, a moment of silence began at precisely 9:37 a.m., when the Pentagon was hit.

Obama stood with his arms folded and head bowed as a bugler played taps, then raised his hand to his heart as taps concluded.

At the time of the sombre White House observance, Romney was shaking hands with firefighters at Chicago's O'Hare Airport, their yellow trucks forming a backdrop that recalled the sacrifice of first responders to the attacks. The Republican nominee was flying to Nevada to address the National Guard, whose members deployed as part of the military response.

In a dramatic turn-around from the two previous presidential elections after the 2001 attacks, the race this year has been dominated by the economy rather than national security concerns. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harsh reactions

Obama hug may cost pizza parlour some dough

The Big Apple Pizza & Pasta parlour in Florida was serving calzones with a side of philosophy Tuesday, under attack from Republicans incensed the owner turned "traitor."

With one high-profile bear hug, Scott van Duzer turned into an Obamaphile Sunday and immediately into a pizza pariah.

"I will not eat from traitor's hands and I'll never take food from man who DIDN'T BUILD his business," wrote ib G of Las Vegas, Nev., on the Yelp reviewing page for the business.

From 5,000 kilometres away, Leyla K. of Glendale, Calif., wrote: "You are officially a member of Obama's socialist outfit. I bookmarked your 'business' to never set foot in there."

And so on, for more than 2,000 "reviews."

"We're all kind of puzzled," a restaurant worker admitted to Torstar News Service on Tuesday. "Politics brings out the best and worst in people."

Both sides, and some people who had actually eaten there, also did try to weigh in on Yelp.

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U.S. President Barack Obama is picked up and lifted off the ground by Scott Van Duzer, owner of Big Apple Pizza and Pasta Italian Restaurant, during an unannounced stop. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bin Laden book

SEAL should be punished: Panetta

Defence Secretary Leon Panetta is suggesting that a retired Navy SEAL be punished for writing a book giving an insider's account of the U.S. raid that killed terrorist leader Osama bin Laden.

Asked in a network interview if he thinks the writer should be prosecuted, Panetta replied, "I think we have to take steps to make clear to him and to the American people that we're not going to accept this kind of behaviour."

Panetta was referring to the newly published account of the U.S. SEAL raid that led to bin Laden's killing in May 2011 in Pakistan. The book was written by a retired SEAL under the pseudonym of Mark 0wen. He was subsequently identified in media accounts as Matt Bissonnette.

In the interview, broadcast Tuesday on CBS This Morning, Panetta told co-host Norah O'Donnell that if the Defence Department failed to take any action in response to the book, "then everybody else who pledges to ensure that that doesn't happen is gonna get the long signal, that somehow they can do it without any penalty to be paid.''

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Cuban president urged to release imprisoned American

Maryland native.
Man's conditions of confinement are difficult for him, lawyer says

The wife of imprisoned American Alan Gross said Tuesday she has returned from a trip to Cuba to see her husband, and is fearful he will not survive his long incarceration.

Judy Gross said her husband has developed a mass behind his right shoulder blade, and suffers from degenerative arthritis and other ailments. The mass is not believed to be cancerous.

The 63-year-old Maryland native, who was obese at the time of his arrest in December 2009, has lost 105 pounds while in custody and now appears gaunt in photos released from the Havana military hospital where he is being held.

"I am devastated by his appearance," Judy Gross wrote in the statement following her return to the United States. "While his spirit remains strong, I fear he is not going to survive this terrible ordeal."

She begged Cuban President Raul Castro to "put an end to our anguish and let Alan come home."

There was no immediate reaction from Cuba's government to Judy Gross's plea.

Gross's lawyer, Jared Genser, told The Associated Press that Judy Gross arrived in Cuba on Sept. 5 and was allowed to visit her husband on four days, three at the military hospital and once at a guarded home near the capital.

He said there is no sign that Gross is being ill-treated. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Background

Gross's purpose questioned

Gross was on a USAID-funded democracy-building program when he was arrested at Havana's Jose Marti airport. He says he was only trying to provide Internet service to the island's small Jewish community.

Cuba says the multimillion-dollar programs are a veiled attempt by Washington to undermine the government, and has noted that Gross was carrying sophisticated communications equipment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hong Kong's Occupy movement reaches its bitter end

One of the longest-running Occupy sites worldwide is cleared in Hong Kong, Tuesday. KIN CHEUNG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Occupy: Hong Kong

Court order clears out campsite

Protesters sat inside tents as bailiffs removed them from the Asian headquarters of HSBC in Hong Kong, Tuesday. One of the global Occupy movement's longest-running encampments came to an end as bailiffs cleared out anti-capitalist activists and their belongings from the site by late afternoon. They had spent the day in scuffles with bailiffs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Forceful dismissal

Activists dragged away one by one

The bailiffs pushed and shoved the activists, who had ignored the order requiring them to leave the site by Aug. 27. Some were carried away forcibly and taken outside a perimeter, where they were let go. As nightfall neared, a handful of them clung to two sofas, all that was left of a camp that had included a dozen tents, tables, bookcases, gas cookers and lamps. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Some activists were forcibly carried away from the HSBC building in Hong Kong, Tuesday. KIN CHEUNG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lay of the land

The land under the HSBC building where the Occupy activists were living is owned by the bank, but legally designated a public passageway.

- **Hong Kong group.** Numbered more than 100 at its peak, it has outlasted other Occupy encampments around the world.
- **Globally occupied.** The movement is generally thought to have begun Sept. 17, 2011.

Key date

Oct. 15

Hong Kong's Occupy movement started camping out under the HSBC building on Oct. 15, 2011, when protesters in the Asian financial centre joined others around the world in a day of demonstrations against corporate excess and economic inequality.

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An ‘L’ of a storm! Leslie topples trees, rips off roofs, cuts flights

Newfoundland’s day of agony. Ferocious winds and rain cause havoc ... but as storm moves out to sea the big cleanup begins

A firefighter shields his face against high winds in St. John’s after checking on the driver of a tractor-trailer that was blown over.
KEITH GOSSE/ST. JOHN’S TELEGRAM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Leslie has left the Rock — thankfully.

The post-tropical storm moved out to sea Tuesday afternoon, hours after its ferocious winds and heavy rains pummelled Newfoundland, knocking out power to thousands and forcing the cancellation of all flights at the island’s main airport.

Leslie’s hurricane-force winds tore apart roofs in St. John’s, stripped off siding, toppled trees and snapped power lines as it doused the island’s west coast with rain.

Holly Walsh said the force of the wind blew her down at Cape Spear, as it ripped the doors off three cars. “It’s pretty intense,” Walsh said.

Police urged residents to stay indoors to avoid flying tree branches.

Premier Kathy Dunderdale said there were no reports of serious injuries.

Meteorologist Bob Robichaud said Leslie blew through St. John’s with winds of more than 130 km/h.

Forecasters said Leslie was a tropical storm when it made landfall, but later said it was a post-tropical storm.

There were hurricane-force gusts at the St. John’s International Airport, and a buoy in Placentia Bay recorded waves exceeding 12 metres. Sirens wailed in downtown St. John’s as emergency crews responded to exploding power transformers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Strikers struck

‘Interesting’ day on the picket line

Striking airport workers who briefly picketed outside braved powerful wind blasts that lifted a port-a-potty tied down with a rope.

“This is my first time taking strike action and I guess the weather just makes it a little more interesting,” said Steve Piercey, a building maintenance worker.

“We’re used to weather like this.... This is par for the course, being a Newfoundlander. We’re tough.”

Inside the airport, stranded passengers gazed up at electronic boards red with cancellations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Honoured. U.S. body hails Harper as World Statesman of the Year

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is being hailed as World Statesman of the Year by an American organization.

The Appeal of Conscience Foundation previously feted Jean Chrétien and British prime minister Gordon Brown.

The Prime Minister’s Office says Harper will travel to New York on Sept. 27 to receive the award.

Harper, says the organization, will be recognized as a “champion of democracy, freedom and human rights.”

The foundation was founded in 1965 by Rabbi Arthur Schneier. Its board includes former U.S. president Bill Clinton and former U.S. secretaries of state Madeleine Albright, James Baker and George Shultz.

Among the foundation’s previous World Statesman of the Year recipients were Chrétien in 2002, France’s Nicolas Sarkozy in 2008 and South Korean President Lee Myung-bak in 2011.

The event takes place the week the United Nations’ 67th general assembly convenes, but Harper will not be making a speech at the world body. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The organization

The Appeal of Conscience Foundation describes itself as an “interfaith coalition of business and religious leaders (that) promotes peace, tolerance and ethnic conflict resolution.”

War of 1812

‘Forgotten’ conflict to get monument

The Harper government wants to commemorate the War of 1812 in stone.

It is asking artists who want to design a national monument to step forward with their qualifications.

The National Capital Commission and Heritage Canada issued the call for artists and say the 1812 monument will be placed on Parliament Hill.

A recent poll showed that despite $28 million in commemorative activities, many Canadians have only a foggy knowledge of the war. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Handcuffs and chains highlight chiefs’ protest

A man, handcuffed and chained, lies on a cold concrete floor …

This photo, circulated Tuesday, is the focus of an angry complaint by a group of northern Manitoba chiefs.

They say some aboriginals are being chained up in a hockey arena dressing room instead of an RCMP holding cell because of scarce police resources.

“When you look at all these little (non-aboriginal) towns coming down the highway, there are police stations in every town, but when you look at First Nations communities ... (you’ll) see nothing at all,” said David Harper, grand chief of the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, which represents 30 northern communities.

Harper and other chiefs say the handcuff-and-chains photo is of a man arrested for an alcohol offence last month on the Northlands Denesuline reserve near Lac Brochet.

The man was held in the community’s arena because Mounties, who are based in another community, have refused to let band members use the RCMP’s local detention facility.

An unidentified man is handcuffed and chained in this handout photo from Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak. The group represents 30 northern Manitoba First Nations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

“They’re more concerned about liability than safety,” said Northlands Chief Joe Antsanen. The leaders say part of the problem is that the Manitoba government appears to be uninterested in licensing any more band constables.

Walter Spence, chief of the Fox Lake Cree Nation, said his community no longer has any band constables and must rely on RCMP officers 50 kilometres away in Gillam.

“We often have to wait several hours for the RCMP to respond to urgent calls from my community,” Spence said.

The chiefs want the RCMP and the Manitoba government to station more Mounties and band constables on remote First Nations reserves.

They also want a regional aboriginal police force similar to the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service, which serves 35 communities across northern Ontario. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Still waiting?

Manitoba Justice Minister Andrew Swan says he has pressed the issue with the federal government, but has yet to get an answer.

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5 HOT SPOTS FOR MUSIC

If you like to "play it loud," these music venues around the world should be on your hit list.

PROVOCATIVE: THE PARADISO, AMSTERSDAM

Things really heat up at this concert hall housed in a converted 19th-century church in Amsterdam. Described as "seriously fierce," this venue's main concert hall in the former church interior seats 1,500 and has high ceilings, two balcony rings and large illuminated church windows. Check the website for the concert lineup, or Paradiso is a popular dance club, too. "You think you know how to party?" wrote one visitor. "Do you? You're wrong. I did, and then I came here."

MYSTERIOUS: THE GREEK THEATER, LOS ANGELES

"When you're at the Greek, there's this type of mystical feeling you get among the crowd," writes one visitor.

L.A.'s premier outdoor theatre is tucked into the corner of Griffith Park, but don't let the picturesque setting fool you. This place is made for noise.

The 5,900-seat venue has amazing sound because of its natural acoustics — the park is actually a canyon. Named "North America's Best Small Outdoor Venue," Pearl Jam, Death Cab for Cutie, Florence & the Machine, The White Stripes, Jack Johnson, and Gotye have all played there recently.

DARE TO EXPLORE: PRIVILEGE, IBIZA, SPAIN

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Privilege is the world's largest nightclub with a main room the size of an aircraft hangar. Ibiza is an island in the Mediterranean Sea that has a red hot reputation for its nightlife.

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MICRO EXPERIENCE: THE PHOG LOUNGE, WINDSOR, ONT.

"Phog" is a small lounge in Windsor with a devout following of some of Canada's hippest electronica, free-form jazz and indie rock bands.

"Phog is truly passionate and curious about music," said Casey Laforet of Canada's critically acclaimed Elliot Brood.

Named "Best Live Music Venue in Canada," there is now an annual Phog-Phest in the fall where the street out front is closed off for a daylong celebration of indie music. Rural Alberta Advantage headlines there Sept. 15.

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Woman denies killing man with silicone penis injection

New Jersey. Penile enlargement a medical impossibility: Doctor

A New Jersey woman pleaded not guilty Tuesday to causing a man's death with an injection of silicone he hoped would enlarge his penis, a procedure experts cautioned doesn't work.

Kasia Rivera, 35, could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted of reckless manslaughter in the death of Justin Street, 22.

Street, a father of two, had gone to Rivera on May 5 seeking a penile-enlargement procedure, which prosecutors say Rivera advertised for in flyers posted at local businesses. Rivera, who performed the procedures in her apartment, allegedly with no medical licence or training, administered a silicone shot to Street's penis, according to prosecutors.

Street died the next day. His death was ruled a homicide following an investigation and a medical examiner's determination that he died of a silicone embolism. Rivera was indicted by a grand jury last month.

Investigators believe Rivera may have conducted other similar unauthorized procedures out of her East Orange, N.J., apartment, but prosecutors said a public plea for people to step forward had not yielded any other clients to date.

Rivera, who remains free on $75,000 US bail, declined to comment through her court-appointed attorney Tuesday.

Dr. Daniel S. Elliott, an associate professor of urology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., said penis enlargement doesn't work.

"If there were a legitimate method for penile lengthening, Johnson & Johnson or Pfizer would have bought it up and made billions and billions of dollars worldwide," Elliott said. "The fact that they don't means it does not exist."

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Philly case

Enhancement clients tend to be women: Expert

Enhancement procedures performed by unlicensed practitioners or people with no medical training are more commonly seen among women, Elliott said.

Liquid silicone is sought on the black market by women seeking to enhance their figures, even though it is not approved for cosmetic injections.

In February 2011, Claudia Aderotimi, 20, of London died after receiving cosmetic injections to enlarge her buttocks at a hotel in Philadelphia. Following the procedure she had chest pain and difficulty breathing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this 2011 file photo, a police van pulls away from a Hampton Inn in Philadelphia. A London woman died after receiving cosmetic injections to enlarge her buttocks at the hotel last February. MATT ROURKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Investor buys Muhammad Ali's childhood home

This Aug. 27 file photo shows for-sale signs in the front yard of Muhammad Ali's boyhood home in Louisville, Ky. A fan of the boxing legend has acquired the important piece of memorabilia. BRUCE SCHREINER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A fan of Muhammad Ali has acquired an important piece of memorabilia: the boxing great's boyhood home.

Las Vegas real-estate investor Jared Weiss closed on the property in Louisville, Ky., earlier this week, a Louisville realtor told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Realtor Dave Lambrechts says Weiss paid $70,000 US for the small white house with a sagging front porch overhang in a neighbourhood of neat, modest homes.

"The guy's a huge Ali fan, and that's what kind of spurred this," Lambrechts said.

Restoration

$50,000

Lambrechts says the new owner wants to restore Ali's boyhood home to how it looked when the fighter lived in it. He estimates the restoration will cost about $50,000 US.

The home already has a state historical marker out front recognizing the residence as the home of Ali when he was a boy named Cassius Clay. The marker says Ali lived in the mostly black neighbourhood with his parents and brother and attended local public schools.

It was the home where the future boxing champion's "values were instilled," the marker says.

Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer was upbeat about the deal.

"I am delighted that a fan of the champ is in control of the home, and the city looks forward to helping make this residence a place that spreads the message of Muhammad Ali's legacy," he said in a statement.

Donald Lassere, president and CEO of the Muhammad Ali Center in downtown Louisville, also was cheered by the home's purchase.

Lassere said in a statement that "3302 West Grand Avenue is an important landmark for the city of Louisville and it will forever be tied to Muhammad's legacy here in his hometown."

Lambrechts says Weiss hasn't finalized his plans but won't use it as rental property. Among the options being considered are turning the home into a museum or using it for some charitable function.

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Toronto man's attack on bullying breaks the bank

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Hundreds of thousands of dollars given to harassed bus monitor

A Toronto man's campaign to give an American grandmother a vacation from a workplace in which she was tyrannized by teenage bullies ended Tuesday with the retired school-bus monitor receiving a cheque for $703,000.

Karen Klein, 68, of Greece, N.Y., was in Toronto for the ceremony.

The funds were presented by Max Sidorov, a 25-year-old nutritionist who felt compelled to help Klein after watching a video of her fielding profane taunts and outright threats from a group of middle-school students during a bus run last June. The cellphone video posted online by a fellow student drew millions of viewers. The video shows Klein trying her best to ignore the boys' insults.

One student is heard taunting: "You don't have a family because they all killed themselves because they don't want to be near you." Klein's oldest son killed himself 10 years ago.

Eventually, Klein appears to break down in tears.

The video and what began as a simple campaign to send Klein on holiday brought about much more permanent change, said Sidorov. "Now her vacation is going to be the full-time vacation of retirement," he said in a telephone interview.

Klein, who had been a bus driver for 20 years before becoming a bus aide for the Greece Athena Middle School, intends to spend at least some of her newly gotten gains on travel, Sidorov said.

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Homecoming from the Arabian Sea

Master Cpl. Rob House is united with his daughters, five-year-old Olivia, left, and two-year-old Lauren, at the Halifax Dockyards on Tuesday morning. HMCS Charlottetown returned home after a nine-month deployment in the Arabian Sea. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

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iPhone. YouTube set to release its own app after growing dispute

YouTube is being reprogrammed for the iPhone and iPad amid growing hostility between Apple and the video service's owner, Google.

The new format debuted Tuesday with the release of a YouTube application that will introduce more advertising and more videos on Apple's devices.

The changes are being made because Google Inc. and Apple Inc. didn't renew a five-year licensing agreement that established YouTube as one of the built-in applications in the operating system that runs the iPhone and iPad.

YouTube is being bumped from the menu of pre-installed apps on the next version of Apple's mobile operating system, or iOS, which could be released as early as Wednesday, when the latest iPhone is expected to be unveiled.

The updated iOS is dumping Google's digital maps as its go-to source for directions.

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Licensing agreement

Apple and Google couldn't agree on the best way to watch YouTube on the iPhone and iPad, leading to the termination of the licensing agreement and to Google's development of a standalone YouTube app that can be downloaded for free.

A customer walks out of Nordstrom in Los Angeles. MARK TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Nordstrom to set up shop in Canada

North of the border. Upscale U.S. retailer to announce Canadian store plans, which could include trio of prime Sears locations

Nordstrom is the latest U.S. retailer planning to set up shop north of the border.

Officials from the department-store chain and Cadillac Fairview are scheduled to announce Canadian store plans at a media briefing in Toronto on Thursday.

The announcement will relate to Nordstrom's entry into the Canadian marketplace and will identify store locations in Cadillac Fairview shopping centres nationally.

According to previously published reports, the Seattle-based retailer is expected to open in four locations, including a trio of prime Sears Canada locations set to be shuttered this fall.

Sears Canada announced in March it would sell back leases for three of its stores to its landlord, Cadillac Fairview, for about $170 million.

High-profile locations at the Pacific Centre in Vancouver, Chinook Centre in Calgary and Rideau Centre in Ottawa are set to close by the end of October. It announced a further closure, at the Deerfoot Mall in Calgary, in July.

Canadians can currently purchase goods direct from Nordstrom's website, with shipping fees that includes the cost of duties at checkout.

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Bell bid to change playing field: Quebecor

Bell's $3.4-billion takeover bid for Astral Media will mark a "point of no return" for Canada if it's approved, the CEO of Quebecor told a regulatory hearing Tuesday.

Accusing Bell Media of "arrogance" and "domination," Pierre Karl Peladeau said Canada will have one of the highest levels of media concentration if the deal goes ahead, changing the playing field for all other players.

"If it were to be accepted, it will mark a point of no return for the future of telecommunications and broadcasting in Canada," Peladeau told a CRTC hearing into the deal.

"We're going to create a marketplace that's going to be driven by a monopoly mindset and this is going to be bad for consumers and bad for all Canadian citizens," he told reporters after his remarks.

But Calgary-based Shaw Communications came out in favour of the deal.

Shaw president Peter Bissonnette said the real threat is online services like Netflix and Apple TV, not bigger Canadian players.

"There is no doubt that the proposed acquisition will make Bell bigger than it is today," Bissonnette told the CRTC.

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Digital Domain Media Group Inc., best known for its work on the movie Titanic, said Tuesday it filed for bankruptcy protection. PARAMOUNT PICTURES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Titanic effects maker abandons ship

Chapter 11. Digital production company responsible for special effects in epic movie files for bankruptcy

The digital production company founded by director James Cameron said Tuesday that it filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection and reached a deal to sell its operating business to a private investment firm for $15 million US.

Less than a year after going public, Digital Domain Media Group Inc., best known for its work on Cameron's Titanic and its hologram of the late rapper Tupac Shakur, filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, along with a Canadian court.

The sale agreement with Searchlight Capital Partners LP includes the company's operating subsidiaries in the U.S. and Canada. It remains subject to an auction process where the company can consider other higher offers and must be approved by the court.

The company's Digital Domain Productions business has studios in California and Canada that create digital visual effects and animation for the entertainment and advertising industries.

The filing comes days after Digital Domain said it was closing its Florida facility, laying off about 280 workers.

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Tupac hologram

- Apart from its work on Titanic, Digital Domain had produced visual effects for more than 90 movies, including the Transformers series.
- In April, its Tupac Shakur hologram made a splash when it took the stage at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival and appeared to perform alongside Snoop Dogg.
- The appearance also boosted the company's stock. Since going public in November, the company's shares have traded between 44 cents and $9.20, hitting their peak in the weeks after the performance.

A video image of the Tupac Shakur hologram. DAMIAN DOVARGANES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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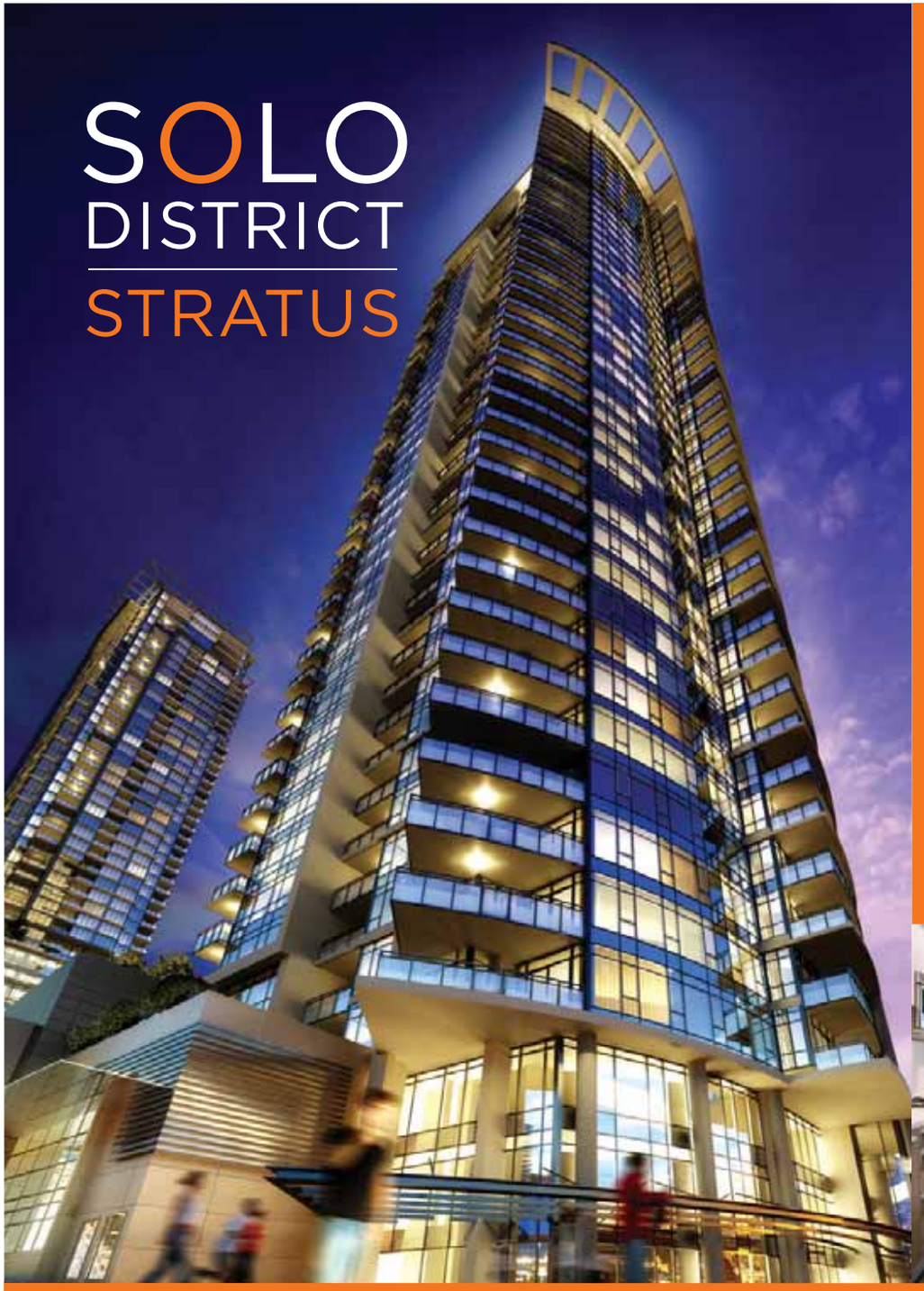

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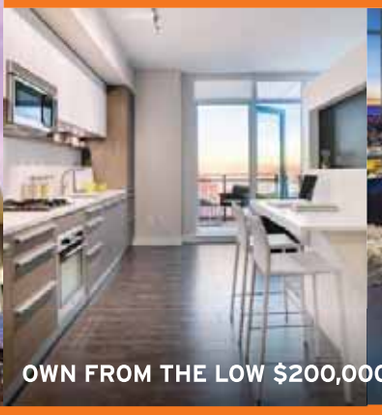

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A NON-HOCKEY WRITER ON THE NHL LOCKOUT

JUST SAYIN'
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True confession:

I am not a hockey writer. With a few notable exceptions, neither are most hockey writers.

Oops! That was my outside voice, wasn't it?

If I were a hockey writer, I wouldn't last very long. I would always want to write about the wrong thing.

Instead of reporting on the latest looming lockout (memo to hockey writers: That 'L' thing is called an alliteration) — which, by the way, happens Sunday at 12:01 a.m. if no one pulls a last-minute puck out of a hat — I would have a tendency to get distracted.

For example, did you know that Tyler Seguin just signed a contract with the Boston Bruins that will pay him $34 million US over the next six years? That's a little under $6 million a year.

Did you know that Tyler Seguin is 20 years old?

Now there's something to get distracted about. This kid scored 29 goals for the Bruins last year. According to my calculations, if he scores another 29 this year, he will make about $200,000 US a goal. Doesn't matter if it's a deflection or shot into an empty net.

Boston Bruins' $34M signing

I don't mean to pick on him exclusively. Every team has a rookie phenom whose annual salary exceeds the gross national product of your average banana republic.

A real hockey writer doesn't question any of this stuff. Me? I'd write about my first real job, when I was a little older than Tyler Seguin. I made $250 a week, before taxes. Of course that was in 20th-century dollars, which adjusted for today's buying power, comes to about $2.50.

I could even argue that my job, which required me to make decisions about the deployment of millions of dollars in government grants to community groups, was more important than Tyler Seguin's. And then I would start wondering if our values were completely out of whack, and the owners and players should indeed take a time out and think carefully about what they're doing.

I mean, what are they doing? Isn't little Tyler, at $6 million a year, making enough money? I don't mean to pick on him exclusively. Every team has a rookie phenom whose annual salary exceeds the gross national product of your average banana republic. Speaking of average, the average salary for an NHL hockey player is $2.4 million a year. The minimum, paid to guys who gather splinters sitting on the bench, is $525,000 US.

Speaking of values being out of whack, the average salary for a pre-school teacher in Boston is $43,000 US. That's what happens when you don't take steroids.

There I go again. At this rate, they'll never let me be a hockey writer.

Tyler Seguin just signed a six-year, $34-million US contract extension with the Boston Bruins. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Duke and Duchess are blooming

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Diamond Jubilee

Orchid named after Will and Kate

Prince William and Kate view a hybrid orchid named in their honour at the Orchid Garden within the Singapore Botanical Gardens in Singapore on Tuesday.

The British royal couple is on an official three-day trip to Singapore. It is the first stop on the couple's nine-day tour of the Far East and South Pacific for the queen's Diamond Jubilee marking her 60 years on the throne.

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Prince William stops to speak to an honour guard on arrival at the Istana, the official residence of the president of Singapore, on Tuesday. William will also visit the Solomon Islands and Tuvalu with Kate. CHRIS MCGRATH/GETTY IMAGES

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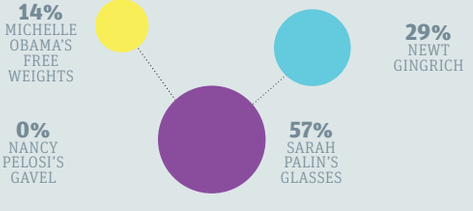

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Enjoy this winning favourite road trip story and then get writing!

My favourite road trip was during one of the hottest summers in history. We piled into our little 1976 Mustang and after a few hours on the road we had to pull into a small town. The transmission was blown! I remember my Dad driving away backwards in the only gear that worked to find a service station. After an overnight stay, the car was fixed and we finally arrived at our destination. The timeshare is located on a golf course surrounded by majestic pine trees that were full of squirrels. Somehow, the thought of placing a trail of peanuts from the deck to the living room was the next best idea since sliced bread. It actually worked and one friendly squirrel didn't seem to mind until someone slammed the balcony door shut. One thing we observed years before that Sci-Fi movie came out, a living animal can run straight up a wall and as a family we can certainly scream and make a lot of commotion. Finally, it was safely whisked outside with a broom. After a fun week of swimming and squirrel wrangling, it was time to head back home. But the fun didn't end there, as we were driving back a sudden rain downpour blew something hard against our windshield and my Dad stopped to investigate. We didn't really know what happened until a few hours later when my Dad announced we were having duck for dinner. It was a road trip that I will never forget.

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In Resident Evil: Retribution, Umbrella Corporation's genetic experiments turn the world's population into legions of flesh-eating undead. HANDOUT

How evil corporations ruled through film history

Resident Evil: Retribution. The Umbrella Corp. in gory legacy is part of a long list of heartless movie organizations

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The Umbrella Corporation is the largest and most powerful corporate entity in the world. At least, in the world of the Resident Evil movies it is.

Since R.E. first appeared on the big screen in 2002, the Umbrella Corp has been responsible for weapons research, the release of the mutating T-virus, experiments on humans, and the creation of biologically engineered supersoldiers.

In this weekend's Resident Evil: Retribution Umbrella's genetic experiments turn the global population into "legions of the flesh eating undead."

Turning the world's people into zombies is pretty dastardly stuff, but Umbrella isn't the only cinematic corporation bending the rules and causing harm.

How about Blade Runner's morally despicable Tyrell Corporation?

Led by a CEO with a God complex, the company genetically engineered organic robots called replicants for use as slaves on space colonies.

Visually indistinguishable from humans, they are banned from earth, and if found on the planet are killed immediately.

That plot inspired another popular sci-fi flick.

When writer Edward Neumeier was asked about the plot of Blade Runner he replied, "It's about cop-hunting robots."

Inspired, he created RoboCop's story about megacorporation Omni Consumer Products who builds the title character, a superhuman cyborg law enforcer.

It's likely that defense firm Cyberdyne Systems had nothing but good intentions when it developed Skynet, the Global Digital Defense Network that features at the center of all the Terminator movies.

The idea was to remove the possibility of human error when responding to military threats.

Who knew the technology would one day eliminate the human race?

Elimination of humankind was not on the minds of Soylent Corporation, the entity running things in the sci-fi flick Soylent Green.

Set in an overpopulated, polluted world they came up with an alternative food source, Soylent Red and Yellow made of "high-energy plankton."

A third product, Soylent Green, becomes NYC's most popular snack until a cop (Charlton Heston) discovers the green wafer's main ingredient. "Soylent Green is people!"

I doubt even Mitt "Corporations are people!" Romney would approve of District 9's Multi-National United.

Despite their slogan, "Paving the way to unity," they create alien apartheid in South Africa for the purpose of performing experiments on the hapless ET's who landed in South Africa.

Most of these cinematic corporations sound innocuous.

At least the name of the corporation in Mel Brooks's Silent Movie was truthful about what they do — Engulf & Devour.

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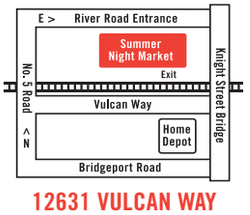

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Miley Cyrus throwing punches for her fiancé

Miley Cyrus is leading a pretty dangerous life lately.

First, a man attempts to force his way into her home wielding a pair of scissors — though Cyrus wasn't home at the time — and now she's getting into bar fights. Cyrus and fiancé Liam Hemsworth were hanging out at a nightclub in the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood when a man bumped into Hemsworth, leading to a heated discussion, according to Hollyscoop. After some shoving ensued, Cyrus reportedly got between the guys and ended up shoving the stranger herself and punching him in the face, according to a report of battery he later filed with the police.

So far, no arrests have been made, and Cyrus' reps doubt there will be any.

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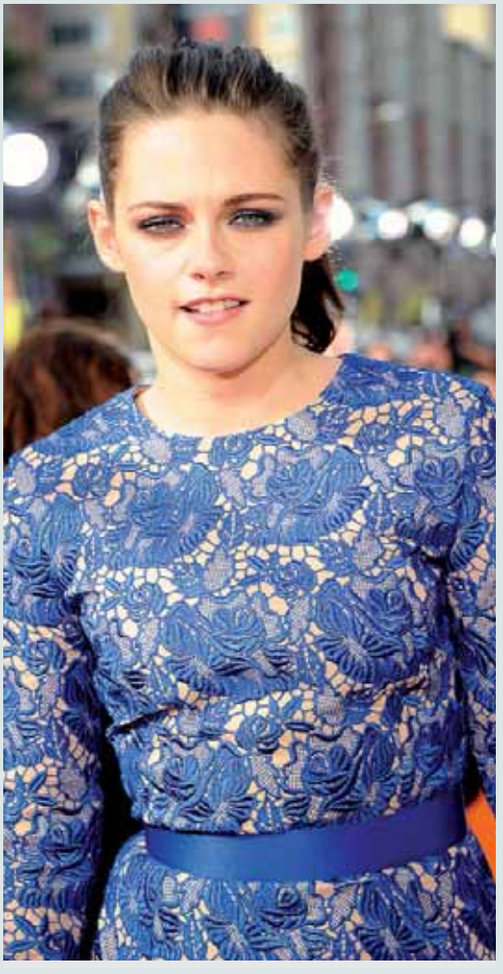

Stewart and Franco? Sure, we'll buy it

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Although she's still shuffling through airports in Robert Pattinson's T-shirts, it seems Kristen Stewart may be entertaining the idea of moving on. The actress was spotted chatting with a "smitten" James Franco at the Toronto Film Festival, reports RadarOnline.

"There was a lot of flirting and Kristen was overjoyed by the attention she was getting from James, who was gushing over her, saying what a great actress he thinks she is and was full of praise for her latest movie, On the Road," a source tells the site. "At the end of their chance meeting, James took Kristen's number and asked her out for dinner. Kristen initially said no, but is mulling over the idea. She knows she has to move on now following her break up with Rob."

Is it just us, or does this "source" sound like Kristen Stewart giving herself a pep talk in the bathroom mirror?

We wouldn't have initially put Franco and Stewart together, but maybe they can bond over complaining about fame while taking roles in blockbusters. Plus, Franco's so pretentious these days, we bet he has a stronger British accent than Pattinson.

Zac Efron

Efron not offended by gay rumours

Zac Efron appreciates his gay fans — and isn't fazed by speculation about his own sexuality.

"I don't like to live in fear about things like rumours and backlash to begin with — that's the way I was raised — but I just can't see what's so wrong about being gay," he tells the Advocate in an interview.

He also makes it clear that he's a strong supporter of marriage equality.

"It's an issue that affects so many people in my life — a lot of my close friends and some of the most influential people around me," Efron says. "I just want them all to be happy."

Sheryl Crow

Crow blames her cell for brain tumor

Sheryl Crow developed a benign brain tumor earlier this year, and she thinks it may be all her cellphone's fault.

"There are no doctors that will confirm that. (But) I do have the theory that it's possible that it's related to that," Crow tells Katie Couric in an interview. "I (used to spend) hours on the old archaic cellphones."

Crow explains that the location of the tumor was suspiciously close to where she used to hold the phone.

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Autumn is a grape time to visit Niagara-on-the-Lake

Harvest heaven.
Small town near Niagara Falls boasts wineries, fresh food markets and a theatre festival

Mention Niagara and most travellers think of the famous falls, which deserve their reputation as the mother of all tourist attractions.

But there's another place with Niagara in its name just a half-hour drive from the falls that should be part of any visit to the area: Niagara-on-the-Lake, a lovely town known for wineries, an annual theatre festival and a charming downtown.

And while summer is high season for visiting the waterfalls, September and October are among the busiest months of the year in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The Shaw Festival. EMILY COOPER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There are more than 30 wineries in Niagara-on-the-Lake and 80 altogether in the region, and fall is the season when visitors can see and experience the harvest and the pressing of the grapes.

Visitors can also find locally grown produce, depending on what's in season, including peaches, pears and apples, along with jams, juices and other products, for sale in places like Kurtz Orchards Country Market, 16006 Niagara Parkway, and at a Saturday morning farmers market, through Oct. 6 at 111 Garrison Village Drive.

Fall is also the last chance to catch performances at the Shaw Festival, a popular annual event that takes place in three theatres in Niagara-on-the-Lake, staging works by George Bernard Shaw and his contemporaries, plus new plays written about his era (1856-1950). The season began in May, with productions ranging from Ragtime, through Oct. 14, to Hedda Gabler, through Sept. 29. Noel Coward's Present Laughter and Bernard Shaw's Misalliance run through October.

For leaf-peepers, the area has "stunning fall colour," usually peaking in early October, according to Janice Thomson, executive director of Niagara-on-the-Lake's chamber of commerce.

The town's leafy waterfront areas include both the Niagara River and Lake Ontario (the waterfalls flow into the river, which flows into the lake). Niagara Parkway, which follows the river, offers a "spectacular drive," according to Tina Truszyk, spokeswoman for the Tourism Partnership of Niagara.

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- **Niagara-on-the-Lake.** niagaraonthelake.com
- **Shaw Festival.** This annual theatre festival runs through late October. shawfest.com.
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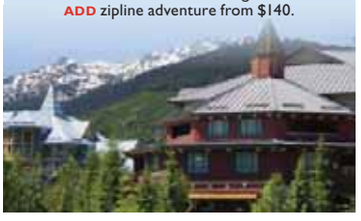

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Welcome to sunny St. Lucia

Look at that photo. It could be you on this Caribbean island

ALISON BOWEN
Metro World News

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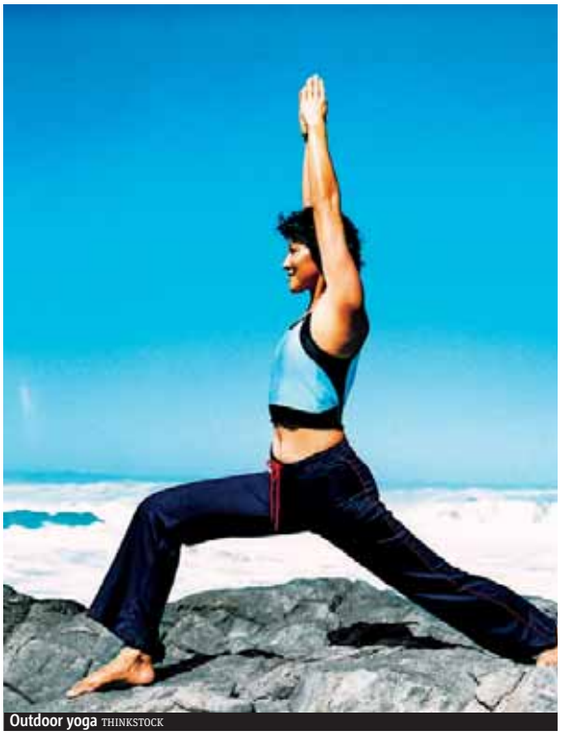
St. Lucia is the perfect place to feel utterly off the map. It's at the southern edge of the Caribbean — just 300 miles from South America's coastline. But from the second you land at Hewanorra International Airport, you will feel you're in another world — after hundreds of miles of ocean sliding by below you, suddenly the 383-square-kilometre island of rainforest-cloaked cliffs appears out of royal-blue waters. Here, even rain is called "liquid sunshine." So embrace the optimistic attitude and watch the sun dip closer to the water as tree frogs chirp and palm trees rustle.



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Go solo

For an invigorating individual getaway, consider The Body Holiday, which has rooms for couples but also caters heavily to singles needing a life overhaul or just a simple trip to recharge. The entire month of September is even devoted to singles — in honour of National Singles Month, the resort is offering September Solos from Sept. 2 to Sept. 30, starting at $450 per person per night. Maybe you'll even make some new friends — the resort offers group sunset cruises and concerts, and at every dining venue are communal tables where you can pull up a chair for conversation. The resort purposely has an open-air Miami feel to allow the ocean breeze to touch every part of the resort, whether you're having breakfast or relaxing in the infinity pool.

The hotel's promise to guests? "Give us your body for a week, and we'll give you back your mind."

Rendezvous for two

Have you ever been on vacation, ready to sidle up to your plus-one in the pool, tropical drink in hand, only to duck when a kid cannonballs over you? That sort of romantic mood spoiling is nonexistent at Rendezvous, a couples-only resort in St. Lucia.

The phrase "couples-only" may conjure images of awkward double dinner dates with strangers, but at Rendezvous, it simply means rose petals scattered underneath massage tables and employees scuttling around the seven-acre grounds clutching champagne glasses and chocolates. Rendezvous encourages those recovering from city stress to focus on nothing but emerald water and waves — whether dining seaside or sitting in a hot tub and sneaking a glance at the sunset through palm leaves. Get to know your partner better as you bond over your ability to stretch into yoga positions or make like Cupid and practice your bow and arrow skills at the archery range.

Explore the island

If you like an off-resort adventure, consider a visit to En Bas Saut. This is not for the faint of heart, nor the impatient. It's a two-hour drive from Rendezvous, up twisty curves (bring the Dramamine), past houses nestled into cliffs and over a dirt, rock-studded road. Smith Philip, a friendly local guide who greets you with a walking stick, will distract you from the 1,000 feet down into the rainforest by telling you the history of St. Lucia, and take you to a waterfall.

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Nix the coconut bras, Hawaii tourism gets a touch of authenticity

Real deal. Hawaii's tourism industry is setting the facts straight — and educating visitors about island culture

Fire knife dancing is often mistaken for Hawaiian even though it's a Samoan invention. LUCY PEMONI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Disney's Aulani resort's staff speak Hawaiian. AUDREY MCAVOY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Coconut bras aren't Hawaiian. Neither are grass skirts. Tiki bars? They're from California. Yet they're all among the most recognizable symbols of a Hawaiian vacation.

Now, many resorts in Hawaii are hoping to change those images, edging away from these kitschy marketing inventions and toward real-life Hawaiian traditions that can make the trip to the islands more special for travellers.

Driving the movement, in part, is economics. Tourism leaders know Hawaii needs to highlight what makes the islands unique to compete with other sun-and-surf destinations like Florida, Mexico and Thailand.

But the turn is also the latest sign of a Native Hawaiian renaissance with more locals studying Hawaiian language, reviving traditional styles of hula and learning ancient skills like using stars to navigate the ocean.

"It's about having that sense of place — understanding who went before us, understanding that Waikiki is a place where we are so deep seated in our culture. And now, there's this resurgence to share it with our guests," said Kehaulani Kam, cultural services director at Starwood Hotels and Resorts Waikiki.

The trend may help improve the dim view many Native Hawaiians have of tourism, the state's largest industry and biggest employer. A 2010 state survey found nearly 60 per cent of them don't believe it helps preserve their language and culture.

The disdain was captured in a Saturday Night Live skit in 2009 that drew protests from state officials and praise from others as good satire.

In it, Dwayne The Rock Johnson and Fred Armisen play two underpaid entertainers in grass skirts at a Kauai restaurant. Johnson performs a sloppy dance resembling hula and Armisen strums the ukulele. Both sing in gibberish that tourists may think is Hawaiian.

Tourists watching the performance drink tropical cocktails and gush about how happy they are to be in Hawaii, oblivious to the facade.

The misconceptions come from the way Hawaii is marketed and presented to outsiders. Travellers, who see vacation brochures with photos of grass skirts, coconut bras, Samoan fire-knife dancing and Tahitian hula dancers, naturally get the impression these are Hawaiian traditions.

The prominence of many of the images can be traced to the arrival of tiki bars in Hawaii — from California.

Trader Vic's and Don the Beachcomber restaurants started the bars on the mainland in the 1930s displaying replicas of Polynesian deities and artifacts from around the Pacific. Trader Vics opened its first Honolulu storefront in 1941, and Don the Beachcomber followed after the Second World War.

"In the '50s, nighttime shows here shifted from being just Hawaiian, which they had been previously, to Polynesian. That's when you get a knife dancer, torch guys, Tahitian hula," said DeSoto Brown, a historian at Bishop Museum.

The Hawaii Tourism Authority is distributing a new guide to advertisers, travel reporters and others involved in disseminating information about Hawaii that attempts to clarify what is and isn't Hawaiian.

The agency wants people to identify a fire knife dance as Samoan and Tahitian hula as Tahitian when they use photos of various performances. If people want to show Hawaiian hula, they should be sure that's what's depicted in the images.

Keli'ihoalani Wilson, the agency's cultural director, said the aim isn't to knock other Polynesian traditions, but avoid confusion.

"It's all positive stuff. No scolding. Just helping," Wilson said.

For Lori Sablas, the cultural director at the Kaanapali Beach Hotel on Maui, it is about accuracy. "My mandate is: 'How do Hawaiians think? How do Hawaiians act?' Let's not change it. Let's not make it up," she said.

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What Disney did...

The Walt Disney Co., a master of creating make-believe worlds, has taken the concept further. The global entertainment giant chose Hawaii as the location for its first major stand-alone resort that isn't a theme park. Instead of building a Cinderella castle, Disney designed the hotel Aulani around the idea of telling guests about Native Hawaiian culture. One of the hotel's bars — the Olelo Room — has Hawaiian words on the wall, and its bartenders and wait staff speak Hawaiian.

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Village of Assos at Kefalonia Island, Greece. THINKSTOCK

HISTORY

Kefalonia (or Cephalonia) has been inhabited since prehistoric times. Today, locals like to argue that they are the descendants of Ulysses and that Kefalonia was the Homeric Ithaka. You won't see much history, however: After the 1953 earthquakes that almost razed the island to the ground, most of its neoclassical mansions, as well as Venetian and British public buildings, were demolished. One can find the only surviving remnants of pre-earthquake architecture on the northern side of the island in the picturesque fishing villages of Fiscardo and Assos. The filming of Captain Corelli's Mandolin in 2000 brought a lot of Hollywood stars (Madonna, Penelope Cruz, Tom Hanks) to Kefalonia, an island which had a non-cosmopolitan profile.

HIGHLIGHTS

During your stay on the island you can visit Argostoli, Fiscardo, the Assos Castle, the Melissani and Drogarati Caves near Sami, St George's Castle, the scenic monasteries of St Gerassimos and many picturesque small villages along the way. For hikers, Ainos (1,620m) is the highest mountain on the island. There is an excellent view from its summit, where in ancient times a temple of Zeus was situated, according to the ancient Greek author Hesiod.

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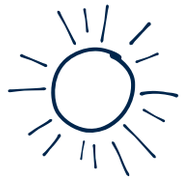

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Sweet and savoury team up in Creamy Apple Curry Chicken

When you think curry, chances are potatoes and chicken come to mind. But you also should consider apples.

Though not necessarily a traditional touch for curry, apples work deliciously well with the big, spicy flavours of the dish. In fact, there is very little that is traditional about the curry assembled here, but we're not all that worried about it. It's so delicious, the name almost seems irrelevant.

A quick sauté of vegetables and chicken — along with those aforementioned apples — is tied together with a creamy curry sauce. To keep the autumnal feel, throw in some dried cranberries and top it with toasted almonds. If you don't want to serve it over rice, you could opt for egg noodles.

1. In a large, deep skillet over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Add the onion and sauté until tender, about 7 minutes. Add both bell peppers, cauliflower and chicken. Cook until the vegetables are just tender and the chicken is cooked through, about 10 to 12 minutes.

2. Add the apples, curry powder, salt and pepper. Cook until the apples are just tender, about 3 to 5 minutes.

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
- 1 large yellow onion, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1 each green and red bell pepper, cored and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 2 cups cauliflower florets
- 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into bite-size cubes
- 3 medium apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 2 tbsp curry powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 3 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries
- 1/3 cup toasted almonds

3. Sprinkle the flour over everything, stirring to coat. Add the milk and cranberries, stirring and cooking until the sauce comes to a simmer and thickens. Serve sprinkled with toasted almonds.

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Drink of the Week

Pretty in pink punch

- 1 can (295 ml) pink lemonade frozen concentrate (unthawed)
- 1 can (250 ml) strawberry daiquiri frozen concentrate (unthawed)
- 250 ml (1 cup) white rum (optional)
- 250 ml (1 cup) water
- 1 l (4 cups) ice cubes
- Sliced strawberries, for garnish

In blender, combine pink lemonade and daiquiri frozen concentrates, rum, if using, and water; add ice cubes. Pulse until blended and frothy, about 1 minute. Float berries on the surface for a special garnish. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ MINUTEMAID.CA

Loads of pork flavour with very little effort

Weeknight cooking is all about getting gobs of flavour from just a few ingredients, no special techniques and as little effort as possible. That's the idea behind this Mirin Pork Chops with Apple Chutney.

You'll find mirin (a kind of rice wine) in the Asian or international sections of most grocers. The chutney should be nearby, too. It's good to let the pork marinate for at least 30 minutes, but you can get away with 10 minutes or so if you're pressed for time.

Even better: toss the meat in the marinade in the morning and let it absorb the flavour.

1. In a large bowl, whisk together the mirin, garlic powder and salt. Add the pork and turn to coat well. Refrigerate until ready to cook. The pork can be marinated for as little as 10 minutes or up to all day.

This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 1 cup mirin
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 2 lbs pork tenderloin, halved lengthwise and pounded evenly flat
- 1 tbsp butter
- 2 medium apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 10 1/2-oz jar sweet chutney (such as mango)

2. When ready to cook, heat a grill to high. Using a vegetable oil-soaked paper towel held with tongs, oil the grill grates.

3. Reduce the heat to medium and add the pork. Grill for 6 minutes per side. Set aside.

4. Meanwhile, in a medium skillet over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Add the apples and onion and sauté until just tender, about 5 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the chutney.

5. To serve, thinly slice the pork and top each serving with the apple chutney.

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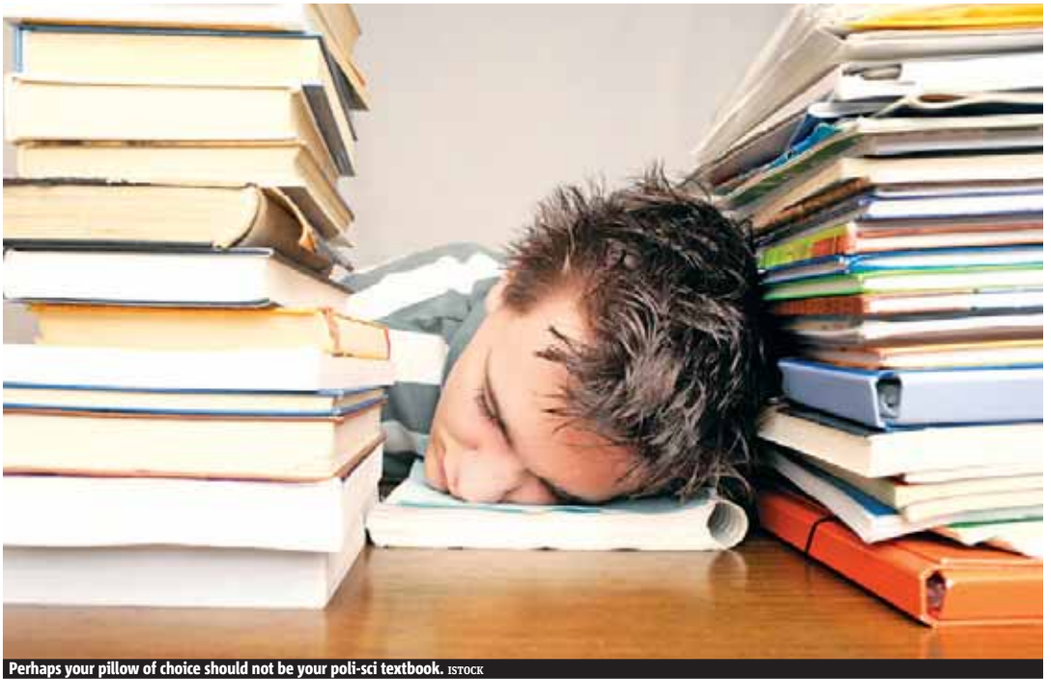

Perhaps your pillow of choice should not be your poli-sci textbook. ISTOCK

As students return to campus in the coming weeks, they'll be showered in the usual handouts of coupons, condoms and credit cards. But some schools are also giving students what a growing body of research reveals could make a huge difference in their college careers: ear plugs, sleep shades and napping lessons.

College health officials are finally realizing that healthy sleep habits are a potential miracle drug for much of what ails the famously frazzled modern American college student: anxiety, depression, physical health problems and — more than most students realize — academic troubles. Some studies have found students getting adequate sleep average a full letter grade higher than those who don't.

But adolescent biorhythms make it hard enough for college students to get the sleep they need, a recommended nine hours. On top of that, campus life turns out to resemble a giant laboratory experiment designed for maximum sleep deprivation: irregular schedules, newfound freedom, endless social interaction, loud and crowded housing, late-night exercise and food washed down by alcohol, coffee and energy drinks. Campuses pulsing with energy at midnight by mid-afternoon resemble Zombie U., with students dozing off in library chairs, on yoga mats and even in coffee shops.

Technology isn't helping, with wireless Internet adding to the 24/7 distractions and students sleeping with their smart phones on. That likely helps explain data showing college students got about eight hours of sleep in the 1960s and '70s, seven by the '80s, and, according to more recent surveys, closer to six these days.

Campaigning last week, even U.S. President Barack Obama told some students at an Ohio State University diner that he assumed "you guys have arranged it so you don't have really early morning classes." No such luck. "Actually, I failed that," one student replied, telling the president he had one at 8 a.m. the next day.

Now, some counsellors and health officials are trying to get the message out in creative ways. At tiny Hastings College in Nebraska, student peer educators plop down a bed in the middle of the student union, dress themselves in pyjamas, and talk to passers-by about sleep. Macalester College in Minnesota publishes a "nap map" listing the pros and cons of various campus snooze sites. And many schools are offering seminars on napping (basic lesson: short naps work better).

Still, given the scope of sleeping problems, what's surprising is that such efforts are exceptional. Major, campus-wide campaigns appear rare or non-existent. Experts say professors (and doctors) aren't always good sleep role models. As for deans and administrators, many seem hesitant to tell parents who've just dropped $50,000 on tuition that the big push on campus this year will be for everyone to sleep more.

While awareness is growing, at most schools sleep efforts amount to a few posters on campus or perhaps a few lines in a quickly forgotten talk during orientation week. While about three-quarters of college students have indicated occasional sleep problems, the latest National College Health Assessment found about the same proportion reported receiving no information from their school about sleep (though it's possible, in their sleepiness, some forgot).

"The average student is functioning with a clinical sleep disorder," said LeeAnn Hamilton, assistant director of health promotion and preventive services at the University of Arizona, describing research conducted on students there. They average about 6.5 hours per night (though students tend to over-report in such surveys). But sleep time and quality measurements declined over the course of the academic year, while anxiety, depression and conflict with family, friends and roommates all rose. Hamilton's office has been sending students a Snoozeletter with sleep tips.

As described by junior Sara Campbell, residence hall life at UA makes it hard even for students trying to sleep – constant late-night chattering, visitors coming and going, early morning cleaning crews running their vacuums. She aims to be asleep by 12:30 or so but was dumbfounded to find girls on her hall regularly pulling all-nighters for papers and exams — basically, academic suicide, the research shows.

"Not to speak bad of them, but a lot of them are freshmen and just decided to wait 'til the last minute," she said. Her big challenge was managing with a roommate who tries to keep earlier hours; this year the pair are moving off-campus together where they'll have separate bedrooms.

Still, Campbell is applying what she's learned about sleep as a psychology major. This year, she's arranged her schedule to have classes and work start at 8 a.m. every day of the week. That will be tough, but commits her to avoiding the destructive pattern trapping many college students – getting up early one day, then sleeping late the next.

"Regularity is key," Campbell said. "You can pick a schedule here and have a different time to get up every day, but going to bed at a different time every night, it wears on your body."

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Slumber in numbers

Dropping like freshmen

- The University of Louisville is planning a campus-wide "flash nap" — think of a flash mob but with sleeping, not dancing — later in the school year
- "We have to arrange in it advance so our public safety folks know it's not an epidemic of something," said director of health promotion Karen Newton.

Lethargic in the library

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Another important factor to consider is the size of the firm. Accounting firms can vary in size from one to more than 10,000 people, and it's important to make the choice that will best fit your personality, your career goals and your lifestyle.

Although the experience at each firm may be different, we spoke with recent grads who are now working in accounting about their experiences to help you decide where you'll fit in.

Work-life balance

Large firms often have big groups of 40 or more new accountants starting at once, which means the competition can be higher than at smaller firms. Alissa Kahn, an accountant at a mid-sized firm of about 90 people, says she's lucky she doesn't have that much competition. "With so many people starting at the same level at once, there is a lot of pressure to compete and work overtime. At my smaller firm, I don't really experience that same pressure."

Learning opportunities

However, since so many new accountants start their jobs at once in large accounting firms, it also means the firms tend to invest a lot of time and money in classroom-type training and mentoring, which small firms cannot usually do. "I did not get as much textbook training and I had to really learn on the job. It's good for my career, but it's tough in the beginning," says Kahn.

At larger firms, you may also work in groups or teams and have joint tasks and clients. This is great if you like working in a team and enjoy having multiple perspectives on a project.

Training

While learning on the job will help give you hands-on knowledge in the accounting field, you have to depend on your supervisors to train you. "Most of the time the people that are supposed to be training you are very busy handling their own workloads and don't have time to teach you everything which can be frustrating," says Yoel Hofman, an accountant in a small firm of 25 employees.

Bigger not always better

"With so many people starting at the same level at once, there is a lot of pressure to compete and work overtime."

Accountant Alissa Kahn

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Experience is key.

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These job search strategies – we've all heard them before – sound like a cliché, but they have a wealth of truth ringing through them.

With the summer break now in full swing (I don't think I ever fully appreciated how lucky I was as a student to have summer holidays beginning in April), students will be thinking about landing a position that can give them solid experience in their field.

A recent Accountemps survey found that 78 per cent of more than 270 CFOs (chief financial officers) interviewed believe it is important for entry-level accounting and finance candidates to have gained work experience while in school.

"Even for entry level roles, many employers are in search of new hires who can apply their previous experience and contribute to the organization immediately," says Kathryn Bolt, Canadian president of Accountemps.

"Although this may seem like a catch-22, where it's difficult to land a job without experience or gain experience without a job, candidates who have internships or temporary assignments on their resume are more marketable to a prospective company."

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Take this to the bank

Trying to account for where your future of number crunching and fast calculating is going to take you?

- On average, accounting grads with between zero and three years of experience can expect to earn somewhere between $35,500 and $75,500 depending on your role, whether you're working in public or corporate accounting, and whether you're working for a large or midsize/small firm or company.

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How to get experience while you're still a student:

Network, network, network

Make connections through classes, summer jobs, internships, volunteer placements, etc., and stay in touch with these people. Never underestimate the power of who you know.

Be involved

Participating in groups related to your field will expand your network and give you further experience. However, do not just join — look for opportunities to take on leadership roles. It is important not only to be involved, but to stand out.

Consider temporary work

This can be a way to obtain work experience while meeting prospective employers and getting your foot in with different companies.

Land an internship

Internships give you direct, resumé-worthy experience and often lead into full-time employment.

Volunteer

Find roles that align with your professional goals, if possible. Therefore, if you are an accounting major, consider acting as the treasurer for a student group that interests you. This not only acts as applicable experience, but also helps you discover your strengths in the field you are pursuing.

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I graduated from McMaster University in 2011 and joined PwC as an Associate in the Audit & Assurance Group based in the Toronto office.

Coming out of university, where I had a very tightly knit group of friends, the one thing I was most afraid of was change. However, I quickly learned after I joined the firm that change is not necessarily a bad thing and definitely not as scary as it seems. Because of all the extra-curricular activities I took part in at McMaster, I was confident and ready to launch my career. Lucky for me, I was able to join a firm that supported, which made the school to work transition, seamless.

If I were to look back at my transition from carrying a backpack to now a briefcase, the one thing that I would not change is getting outside my comfort zone. When I was a student, I explored new chances to make me a more confident and well-rounded person. These are two essential characteristics that employers are looking for.

Where I am now

As an Associate, I am fulfilling my dream of adding value to my clients on a daily basis. I'm also learning more everyday about the accounting and business world, while writing exams to obtain my Chartered Accountant (CA) designation.

Besides auditing, I'm passionate about giving back to people and coaching young students and professionals in their respective careers. As PwC's national recruiting blogger and one of only six people chosen to represent PwC in its campus branding, I do just that by allowing others to learn from my personal stories of success and failure both via my blog posts and through speeches I deliver at various universities across the GTA.

In my spare time, I volunteer by serving as the CFO (chief financial officer) and Career Coach for a new start-up NPO (non-profit organization) called Canada Pakistan Professionals Association (CPPA). At CPPA, I oversee their finances, as well as provide young professionals with advice and support.

My recommendations for employers, career centres and schools

My recommendation for employers, career centres or schools is to really find ways to connect with students more personally and give them with tailored support.

My recommendations for students

My advice for students and recent grads would be to never see failure as a hindrance to their end goals, but rather a catalyst and a motivator to go above and beyond their own expectations. The reason why I am reasonably successful today is because I made mistakes in my past and learned from them.

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League, players both to blame for labour strife: Daly

NHL. Face-to-face meeting of two sides hastily scheduled for Wednesday

The NHL and the players' association will resume negotiations on Wednesday in an effort to avoid a lockout this weekend.

After not meeting face to face since last Friday, the sides planned to get together at the league office in New York before the NHLPA holds player meetings later Wednesday.

The NHL board of governors will convene on Thursday with commissioner Gary Bettman, while the union holds a second day of discussions with as many as 250 players.

The hastily scheduled negotiating session for Wednesday came just hours after NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said owners and players were both to blame for their failure to reach a new collective bargaining agreement before current deal expires on Saturday.

Quiet period

- The sides haven't had a full bargaining session since Aug. 31 and the strife is threatening regular-season openers scheduled to start Oct. 11.
- The pre-season is set to begin on Sept. 19.

Daly wrote in an email to The Associated Press on Tuesday that he hoped both sides would meet before Saturday, but didn't sound optimistic it would happen.

"To this point, we have received no indication that the union has anything new to say to us. And right now, we have nothing new to say to them," he wrote Tuesday. "It's unfortunate, but it's the reality of the situation."

That changed Tuesday night. Whether the restart of talks will lead to a quick resolution remains to be seen. The NHL's labour contract expires at midnight Saturday night, and a lockout seems likely. It would be the league's fourth work stoppage since 1992.

"Ultimately, we just want to negotiate a fair deal that will give all our clubs an ability to be stable and healthy," Daly wrote. "We hoped (and still hope) we can do that without causing any interruption to the upcoming season. Logic would have suggested we would have been able to. The fact that we haven't yet is extremely disappointing, and is a failure for which we both must share blame."

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Panama's Luis Henriquez, top, and Canada's Patrice Bernier fight for the ball during a 2014 World Cup qualifying soccer match in Panama City on Tuesday.

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Power shortage for Canadians in Panama

Rolando Blackburn and Blas Perez each scored as Panama beat Canada's men's soccer team 2-0 on Tuesday in World Cup qualifying.

Blackburn struck in the 23rd minute after rising above some suspect Canadian marking to head in the ball just inside the post.

Perez added another in the 57th minute to raucous applause inside the Estadio Rommel Fernandez to put his side atop Group C. Canada won the first leg of the home-and-home series 1-0 at BMO Field in Toronto on Friday.

Canada looked out of sorts in the first few minutes while Panama appeared buoyed by the incredible noise made by the home supporters.

Then six minutes in, the lights went out.

A bank of lights in the stadium's north end went out and remained that way for about 14 minutes. When play resumed, Canada had taken out star striker Dwayne De Rosario due to a knee injury that he suffered on an earlier tackle.

Tuesday's game

Panama	Canada
2	0

The delay provided an opportunity for Canadian medical staff to work on De Rosario, but in the end they had to replace him with Tosaint Ricketts.

Just minutes after play resumed in the 24th minute, Canada got one of their best chances when Marcel de Jong had a shot from the left-hand side flash across the face of the goal and go wide.

Not to be outdone, Panama's Alberto Quintero skillfully eluded both David Edgar and Kevin McKenna before unleashing a powerful right-footed shot that forced Lars Hirschfeld to make a diving save to his left.

Panama got on the board after Blackburn found space on a corner kick despite being surrounded by several Canadian defenders to go up 1-0.

In the 57th minute, Quintero led an attack on the left wing and easily evaded a sliding Edgar tackle. Hirschfeld raced off his line to try to cut down the angle but Quintero cut the ball back and Perez was there to stab it home from close range.

Meanwhile, Honduras beat Cuba 1-0 to move to second in the four-team group. The result dropped Canada to third place on goal differential.

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NHL. Bruins secure Seguin with 6-year extension

The Boston Bruins have signed centre Tyler Seguin to a six-year, $34-million US contract extension.

Seguin had 29 goals and 67 points last season for Boston — both team highs — in his second NHL season. The 20-year-old had a plus-34 rating, second in the league behind teammate Patrice Bergeron, and played in the 2012 all-star game.

The native of Brampton, Ont., was selected second overall by the Bruins in the 2010 NHL draft. He played 74 games in his rookie season, totalling 11 goals and 11 assists.

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Tyler Seguin GETTY IMAGES FILE

Big-league development

Seattle backs new deal for $490M arena

Efforts to bring the NBA back to Seattle took a giant step forward in a revised arena deal announced Tuesday, with investor Chris Hansen agreeing to kick in more money for transportation improvements near a proposed new arena, personally guaranteeing the city's debt.

The plan for the $490-million US arena, which could also host an NHL team, represents the best shot at bringing the NBA back to Seattle.

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ECHL. Minor-league team extends invite to Bieber

The Bakersfield Condors believe Justin Bieber is more than a sweet voice with slick dance moves.

The ECHL team has offered the Canadian pop phenom an amateur tryout contract for the upcoming hockey season.

The team says in a news release it hopes the five-foot-seven "slender built superstar can provide a rookie presence" for the Condors.

The club also says his "sick flow will fit right in with a Condors team known for their style."

A team spokesman said the club contacted Bieber's agent about the offer but as of Tuesday afternoon there had been no response.

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4 SPORTS

Mobile sports

Not many fighters wanted to step into the cage in Toronto against light-heavyweight champion Jon (Bones) Jones for the upcoming UFC 152, according to UFC boss Dana White. But Brazilian fighter Vitor Belfort was game, saying he still fights "for pleasure" at age 35. Scan the code for the story.

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Encore: It's just different

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Engine

Getting the Encore up to speed is the responsibility of a 1.4-litre turbocharged, four-cylinder engine that generates 140 horsepower and 148 pound-feet of torque. Both the Chevrolet Sonic and Cruze also employ this powerplant, which runs on regular gas and not premium.

A six-speed automatic is the Encore's only available transmission. For this application, a "steeper" first gear helps improve off-the-line performance while a "taller" sixth gear causes the engine to loaf along at lower engine revs at highway speeds for more fuel-efficient operation. Official consumption numbers aren't out just yet, but should approach the Cruze's 7.2/4.6 city/highway l/100 km rating.

A six-speed automatic transmission and turbocharged 1.4-litre four-cylinder are standard.

Quiet ride

The cabin has a feature called "active noise cancellation." The system uses ceiling-mounted microphones that detect offending droning sounds. A special computer then creates counteracting sound waves through the audio-system speakers. It's a system that's commonly found on more expensive vehicles.

2013 Buick Encore

- **Type.** Four-door, front/all-wheel-drive compact wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.4-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (140).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy): 7.2/4.9 (est.).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $23,000 (est.).

Review. Buick drives home the point that the old ways are exactly that

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

Generally, an encore follows a great performance. In Buick terms, that could mean the Verano or the Regal, but both of those are sedans, while the new Encore is a small tall wagon.

OK, we can just hear the quips now, likely involving an Enclave wagon that has been left in the dryer a little too long. However, the Encore is a uniquely practical vehicle that can hold lots of gear and can hold its own in the horsepower and fuel-consumption departments. Also adding to its versatility is the availability of all-wheel-drive.

The fact that it approximates a scaled-down version of the Enclave is far from being a bad thing. From its oval-shaped "waterfall" grille to the tip of its two-tone bumper, the Encore features a neat blend of stylish design cues with just a hint of ruggedness. That should help broaden the car's appeal to buyers much younger than Buick's traditional core audience.

The Encore is based on the same platform used by Buick's Verano sedan plus Chevrolet's Cruze and Sonic small cars. However, it's about 18 centimetres longer and 13 centimetres taller than the Sonic hatchback, thereby giving it far more cargo room with the rear seat in place or folded flat. Not as much room back there as a Hyundai Tucson or even a Toyota Matrix, but the front passenger seat does fold flat so that longer items such as ladders, hockey sticks and building materials can be accommodated.

With its diminutive size, crisp styling and clever interior packaging, this is one Encore that has been long overdue.

A ladder? The Encore is a small ride that hauls big-and-tall stuff when the front passenger seat is folded flat. For perspective, it doesn't have quite as much room as a Hyundai Tucson.

It's certainly like no other Buick you've ever seen.

By comparison

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5 new cars to watch

The autumnal exercise of automotive euphoria is in high gear as the 2013 models begin to arrive. This year's battle for your bucks crosses all boundaries, from the racy and pricey, to the inexpensive and eco-friendly. But which vehicles are the most anticipated? We have five hot prospects for you.

TODD D. BURLAGE
Wheelbase Media

1 Acura ILX

With a growing appeal for efficiency and affordability in a premium-car wrapper, it makes a whole lot of sense for Acura to add the ILX as a lower-cost point of entry into this brand.

The premium compact ILX can actually be had in a gasoline-electric hybrid derivative, making it the first such vehicle to carry the Acura name.

Expect most ILX buyers to opt for the traditional 2.4-litre four-cylinder paired with a conventional automatic transmission, all in a thinly veiled spinoff of parent Honda's Civic Si.

From door handles, sharper styling and more cabin comfort, the ILX features some subtle differences from the Civic, but the platform is similar.

2 Cadillac ATS

This General Motors division has come around to the idea that bigger isn't always better, so it developed the ATS to try and find a place alongside the top sporty compact sedans such as the BMW 3-series.

The ATS is not simply a cut-down version of the larger CTS. Lead designer Dave Leone's vision for the ATS partnered a light and compact body, with the power of rear- and all-wheel drive, along with a front strut suspension — much like that of the BMW 3-series — to improve steering performance over the CTS.

The ATS offers three engine types: the entry-level 2.5-litre four-cylinder; a 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbo; and the attack-style 3.6-litre V6 rated at 321 horsepower.

3 Chevrolet Spark

Chevy is touting the Spark as "the driving solution for city living" in the manufacturer's hope that this stylish and affordable entry will clobber the micro-car market.

Small on size but big on technology and creature comforts, one of the Spark's greatest features is its ability to slide into tight parking spaces where few cars have gone before. Ten standard airbags also offer safety assurance in a small vehicle.

The 1.2-litre four-cylinder engine delivers about 6.0 l/100 km on the highway. Good, but not spectacular as some larger cars are rated better. Expect pricing to be less than micro-car competitors from 2012, such as the Scion iQ and the Fiat 500 Pop.

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4 Subaru BRZ

It's billed as a collaborative effort between Subaru and Toyota that carries characteristics of each brand.

Subaru's 2.0-litre engine is at the heart of both, however. Interestingly, the fuel-injection is designed by Toyota. Rather rev-happy, it's rated at an even 200 horsepower. Manual and automatic transmissions are offered, each with six ratios.

Subaru's advertised vision for the BRZ is to bring "superior steering response" with the power of rear-wheel-drive and the balance of a sports car. The rear-drive layout — a first for Subie — and the relative lightweight of 2,690 pounds (1,220 kilograms) should help to reach that performance goal, along with a centre of gravity that's only at knee height.

5 SRT Viper

Back by popular demand — for a fifth generation — the 2013 SRT Viper no longer carries the Dodge logo. What did make it this time around is the V10 engine displacing 8.4 litres and cranking out 640 horsepower.

A true world-class two-seat sports car now — zero to 60 m.p.h. (96 km/h) in the mid-three-second range — the previous Viper chassis has been stiffened with an obvious X-brace under the hood. Carbon fibre in hood construction, high-end in-car technology and a 10-centimetre extension of the cockpit are just a few features added to this budget-busting machine that should start at about $120,000. Launch control, a full suite of electronics and a finely tailored interior all get the nod.

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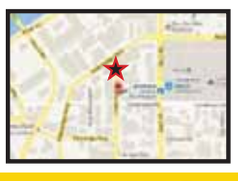

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The automotive sector that powers the greater Detroit area has experienced some rough times over the past few years, but now appears to be returning to better health. To celebrate the workers employed by the Big Three and their subsidiaries, The Burn Rubber Sneaker Boutique located in the Detroit suburb of Royal Oak, in conjunction with New Balance Athletic Shoe, Inc., has created the Michigan Workforce Pack. This brand consists of specially styled sneakers designed for Detroit's automotive employees. Although similar in appearance, the "blue collar" model features an orange sole with matching laces, while the "white collar" model uses a grey sole and black laces. Each pair sells for $150 US and can be ordered online at burnrubber.bigcartel.com.

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Autopilot

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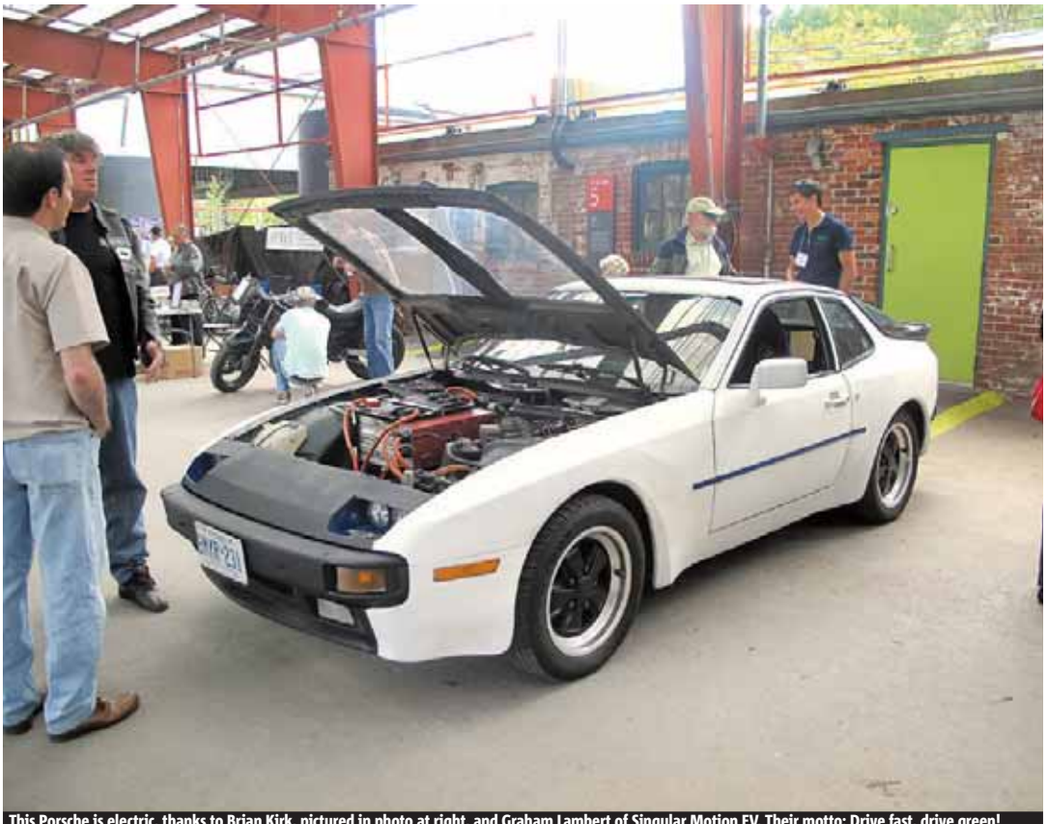
If you're thinking you'd like your next vehicle to be electrically driven, you certainly have options. More and more major automotive brands are bringing out electric models (EVs) and plug-in hybrids (PHEVs).

But maybe you're thinking there's something not quite right about walking into a dealership and buying a brand new EV or PHEV. Maybe it gives you a funny feeling like Captain Rex Kramer had in the movie Airplane! You know, when he goes into the control tower to coach the inexperienced Ted Striker to land the plane, and a control tower operator asks him if they should turn on the search lights to make things easier, and Kramer says, after a few moments of thought, "No, it's just what they'll be expecting us to do."

In the same vein, you could do your own "180" and convert an old gasoline car over to electricity.

You could take something like a 1983 Porsche 944, rip out its gasoline-powered engine and related paraphernalia, and replace them with an electric motor, controller and batteries. You could do the same with a 1985 Jaguar XJ6.

You could pick any vehicle actually, but I picked those two specific models, because there happens to be actual examples of them recently converted over to electric drive. I met them, and their respective owners, at last weekend's EV Fest Electric Vehicle Show in Toronto.



This Porsche is electric, thanks to Brian Kirk, pictured in photo at right, and Graham Lambert of Singular Motion EV. Their motto: Drive fast, drive green!
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Brian Kirk's white Porsche currently looks like a science experiment, but that's intentional. He would ultimately like his company, Singular Motion EV, to be in the business of converting customer cars over to electricity; the Porsche is essentially his calling card and real-life slide show on how one goes about electrifying a previously gas-powered automobile.

He has over $20,000 invested in it already, and apparently it's fast — faster even than the original gasoline version.

"We wanted to prove the point that electric cars are not slow," says Kirk, adding that acceleration from a dead stop is "phenomenal."

"That's our reason for starting the company. We thought other people should be enjoying this as well."

He feels the current crop of EVs from the majors leaves a lot to be desired, when it comes to styling and performance options. He contends that conversion not only gives you limitless vehicle options, it also might save a perfectly good car body from dying in the scrap yard.

Don Singh's electric Jaguar has a similar cottage-industry look to the conversion. He too is able to convert cars and supply parts for potential customers (through his company, Epic Car Conversions). He says the Jaguar is currently both a test bed and an "office on wheels."

For others contemplating the jump, he would advise picking a "light" vehicle, to get more bang for your battery buck.

Whatever you pick, just make sure you plug it in. Brian Kirk failed to top up the Porsche before making the run from his base in Newmarket to the EV show at Toronto's Brickworks. He ran out of juice about five kilometres from the show. The CAA towed him the rest of the way.

More power, less fuel: Diesels gaining popularity

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Once used mostly in trucks, diesel engines are showing up in several new cars and SUVs in Canada, primarily for their power and fuel economy.

"We got rid of all the negatives associated with a diesel, which is the black smoke out the tailpipe, the smell, and the emissions," says Sylvain Gilbert, manager of technical service, literature and ISO for Mercedes-Benz Canada.

Diesel engines differ from gasoline engines in several ways. They have higher compression, which creates more engine heat. This heat is used to ignite the fuel, unlike a gasoline engine that uses a spark plug.

When the diesel engine is cold, such as if the car has been sitting overnight, a glow plug inside it heats up to initially ignite the fuel. In the past, drivers had to turn the key and wait several seconds for the glow plug to warm up, but in today's diesels, the plug heats so quickly that diesels take no more time to start than gasoline engines.

Diesels produce more torque than gasoline engines, and do so at lower engine speeds, improving acceleration and towing ability. In many cases, a six-cylinder diesel will produce more torque than an eight-cylinder gasoline engine.

"Traditionally, if you think back 15 or 20 years, diesels were underpowered," Gilbert says. "Then they started to put turbochargers on them, and perfected the injector system, which improved the power and reduced emissions."

The Mercedes-Benz M-Class is available with a six-cylinder diesel engine.
JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

Because its fuel has a higher energy density than gasoline, and it isn't revving as high, a diesel engine gets better mileage. The diesel-powered Mercedes-Benz M-Class makes more torque than the six-cylinder gasoline engine, but is rated at a combined 8.9 L/100 km, versus 10.7 L/100 km for gasoline.

Diesel engines are built "beefier" than gas engines because they must withstand the higher compression. This, plus their turbocharger, usually makes them more expensive — the diesel M-Class is $1,500 more than the gas version — but their stronger construction means they traditionally last longer. The company estimates that 80 per cent of M-Class models sold in Canada have a diesel engine. "It's all about the low-end torque," Gilbert says.

"People brag about horsepower, but the bottom line is: what pulls you out of the hole and helps you climb that steep hill is torque."

Check the nozzle colour

- At the gas station, the diesel nozzle will be yellow, and sized differently from a gasoline nozzle. If you happen to accidentally put diesel in a gas engine, or gas in a diesel engine, don't start the vehicle. Have it towed to a shop to get the fuel drained, to prevent engine damage.

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Ford Focus on track to beat Toyota Corolla as world's bestselling car

The stylish and nimble Ford Focus is on track to unseat Toyota's aging Corolla to become the world's top-selling car, according to Ford.

The company says it sold 489,616 Focus sedans and hatchbacks globally in the first half of 2012, besting the Corolla by almost 27,000.

The Focus has several advantages, says Aaron Bragman, an automotive industry analyst for IHS Global Insight. It is newer, features better handling and styling, has superior technology and a much nicer interior than the Corolla.

"I'd rank it superior to the Corolla in pretty much most ways," says Bragman.

But Toyota isn't conceding the title. It has disputed Ford's numbers, saying its car is still on top when you include Corollas sold under other names. Hatchback versions of the Corolla are sold as the Auris in Europe and Matrix in the U.S.

Toyota also sells the Corolla Verso, a van-like vehicle that Toyota has traditionally counted as a Corolla, says spokesman Mike Michels. Including all the models, Toyota sold 603,840 Corollas in the first half, beating the focus by about 114,000, Michels says.

Toyota is working on a new version of the Corolla which is expected to go on sale next year, although the company hasn't made it official.

Ford made the announcement at its assembly plant in Rayong, Thailand, which opened in May to build the Focus. The plant, which is one of Ford's most advanced, has the capacity to produce 150,000 cars per year for sale in Thailand, Vietnam, Australia and other countries in the region.

Ford's recently revamped Focus is sold in more than 100 countries worldwide.

It's a strong seller in the U.S., where Focus sales were up 31 per cent in the first half of the year compared with 2011.

But the Corolla is still king in the U.S., where it outsold the Focus by nearly 27,500 in the first half of the year.

The Corolla could still pass the Focus as the global top-seller this year, Bragman said. Toyota had few Corollas to sell at the start of the year because last year's earthquake and tsunami in Japan slowed its factories.

But now the car is back at full supply and selling well. Also, last year at this time the Focus was ahead of the Corolla, but the Corolla pulled through in the end, outselling the Focus by more than 100,000 vehicles.

"It might be a bit premature to declare a sales crown," Bragman said.

Also at the plant Friday, Ford executives were celebrating the production of the 350 millionth vehicle Ford has made since its founding 109 years ago.

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The 2012 Ford Focus is pictured during its debut at the LA Auto Show in 2010.
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A brave new (auto) world

Tech. Get ready for cars that listen, talk and act like a smartphone

Don't expect to converse with your car quite like David Hasselhoff and KITT did in the '80s TV classic Knight Rider, but voice recognition is one of the big looming trends in the automobile industry.

For years already, some drivers who seek out the latest and greatest in technology have been talking to their cars when they want to listen to music, turn up the air conditioner or get directions.

No need to look away from the road or blindly reach for a knob or button, just speak a command aloud and the car obeys.

Voice recognition and other high-tech features are expected to become far more mainstream in the months and years ahead, as automakers race to outdo each other and tap into consumer demand for an app-inspired, always-connected lifestyle on the road.

CD players have been replaced by hard drives that can store tens of thousands of MP3s, or drivers can connect a smartphone and use its data connection to stream music via the Internet. Dedicated GPS navigation systems are being phased out in favour of multi-function digital panels that look like a smartphone or tablet homescreen, populated with a long list of apps.

"Automakers are trying to replicate that smartphone/touchscreen experience that people are used to and like," says industry analyst and consultant Doug Newcomb.

"Car buyers really want this, that's why automakers are doing it, technology really helps them sell cars."

Perhaps there was no clearer sign that companies are serious about competing to develop the coolest, most advanced in-car technology than an Apple announcement in June. The tech giant revealed it's working with nine automakers to integrate its popular voice-recognition tool Siri into vehicles.

Meanwhile, BMW and Honda are among the car manufacturers that are releasing new in-car technology in Canada this fall.

And at the forefront of the trend has been Ford, one of the more aggressive companies in delivering in-car voice technology to the mass market with its Sync product, which has already been around for about five years.

With Sync, drivers can press a button on the steering wheel and voice their desire to place a phone call, control the stereo, make their vehicle warmer or cooler, or get directions. Ford claims the system recognizes 10,000 different commands — although there's no master list available to consumers so that's difficult to verify.

"Our world is changing," Bill Ford, Ford's chairman, said at a recent press event in Dearborn, Mich.

"We've got over four million vehicles with Sync on the road today and what's cool is we have an open platform, so developers are developing apps for Sync. And we love that, that's why we did it."

Among those apps available for Sync in the U.S. are the audio streaming services Pandora, MOG and Slacker Radio, a program to listen to tweets posted to Twitter, and another that gives allergy sufferers an update on pollen levels in the local area.

Critics, however, have noted that Sync's ability to understand strings of spoken words is nowhere near as robust as Siri's. Drivers must learn how to speak to the Sync system, which often doesn't respond to natural speech and instead needs to hear a sequence of spoken commands to complete a task.

If your wording is a little off, you'll be prompted to try again. And don't even think of asking jokey questions like you can with Siri.

"It's getting better but it's still not there, it's still all over the map," says Newcomb.

"They're still in that learning phase, a growing pains phase."

The market leader in voice technology is Nuance Communications, which powers Ford's Sync. Gary Clayton, chief creative officer for Nuance, says the technology is constantly evolving and becoming more intelligent.

As of now, most voice recognition systems need to be prompted before they'll listen for user commands. But eventually, the technology will always be listening and will be able to recognize and distinguish between different voices.

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The interior of a 2013 F-Series Super Duty pickup truck, equipped with Ford's high-tech Sync voice recognition system, is shown in this photo. HANDOUT

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Grand Sport: Upholding 'heritage'

Auto Know. The best Corvette might not actually be the most expensive or the most powerful Corvette, but the most versatile

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Velocity Yellow is an oxymoron.

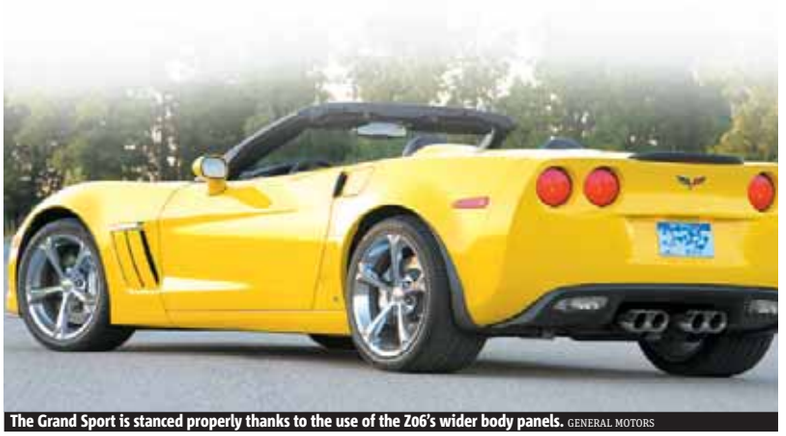
Yet, here it is, slathered all over a Corvette Grand Sport driving a whopping 24 km/h on the 405 freeway in Los Angeles, Calif.. It's rip-your-hair-out frustrating. The car is just not meant for a five-lane, 30-kilometre-long parking lot like this. Heck, it's not even really at home plodding along at highway speeds.

Sure, it could do 280 km/h, it could corner like a rock on a string and stop with enough force to loosen your stuffed-up sinuses, but the simple question from your sensible significant other echoes in your head every time you're parked in gridlock or dodging potholes on some side street: "why buy a car like that when you can't even drive it around here?"

Corvette owners don't need to scramble for an answer. You can see it the way they grip the steering wheel. Buying a Corvette Grand Sport simply on hope you can stretch its legs once in while is justification enough for enthusiasts, who seem to live in an entirely different universe than people who believe a car is a mere transportation appliance. Mutter those very words to a Corvette owner and you're likely to be dining on knuckle sandwich for lunch.

And then there's the wow factor. The base Corvette is nice, but the Grand Sport adds the visual sizzle of the hyper-expensive 'Vettes: the wider rear fenders from the racetrack-inspired 505-horsepower Z06 model (six inches total increase in width); special wheels wrapped with wider rubber (more than 30 centimetres); and unique front-fender air extractors topped with Grand Sport badges.

Of course the name should add more sizzle. A lot more sizzle, actually. The prestigious Grand Sport handle was attached to several racetrack-only versions of the 1963 Corvette coupe. The GS was a renegade, built without official approval of General Motors with engineer Zora Arkus-Duntov putting the black-ops program together.



The Grand Sport is stanced properly thanks to the use of the Z06's wider body panels. GENERAL MOTORS

So, while the modern Grand Sport could be considered a mere option package that adds bigger brakes, wheels and some bodywork to the base Corvette, it means much more: there's a bloodline to maintain and real heritage to uphold. To that end, the GS can be ordered with a "heritage package" that includes two fender hash stripes that no other Corvette model gets. But what about substance under those stripes?

The Grand Sport model replaced the optional Z51 chassis package and includes goodies such as Z06-sized brakes and something called "active handling" that improves both ride and road holding. But the GS goes well beyond the Z51 since it visually looks much like the higher-priced race-track-inspired Z06, although mechanically the GS comes with a 430-horsepower 6.2-litre V8 whereas the Z06 comes with a 505-horsepower 7.0-litre V6.

Presto, the anonymous Z51 becomes its very own fully-fledged model called the Grand Sport. It's brilliant marketing, really. Taking a page from the Ford Mustang handbook, the Corvette is no longer just one car, but a niche of several separate and distinct models, ranging from a base car all the way to the 638-horsepower ZR1.

In ascending order of price, the Grand Sport, Z06 and ZR1 all began in another era, even if how they align today somewhat contradicts those very history books.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You are under a lot of pressure at the moment, but how much of it comes from other people and how much of it comes from yourself? Maybe you need to be a bit more relaxed about the world.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Don't plan anything strenuous for today because you need to relax, both physically and mentally. You may be a Taurus and more robust than most but you still need some down time now and again.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If there is someone you want to say sorry to then now is the ideal time. Venus in the communications area of your chart will make it easy to connect on both an emotional and a mental level.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You have a great deal going for you at the moment, so stop being so critical of yourself. Stand back from everyday events and see your life from a higher and wider perspective. It's actually a pretty picture.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Take life at an easygoing pace and ignore those who say you should be pushing yourself harder. There comes a point where what you put in is more than what you get out. You are near that point now.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you lack enthusiasm for what you are about to do, you will most likely make a poor job of it, so why not postpone it or even give up on it? You're allowed to change your mind you know.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may want to outshine your rivals and competitors but the planets warn that may not be possible today. It's always a mistake to compare yourself to other people. It's a sure way to drive yourself mad.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You know something that others do not, something that gives you an edge. Whatever that something is, you must be careful how and when you use it. Knowledge is power, so don't reveal it too quickly.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Friends and colleagues are aware of what you can do, so don't waste time trying to prove yourself. The important thing is not that others feel good about you but that you feel good about yourself. Do you?

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If there is someone you want to impress, now is the time to speak up and let them know what you can do. But don't exaggerate your achievements to prove what a wonderful person you are. They know already.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Take your foot off the gas and take life at a more enjoyable pace. You don't have to work twice as hard and move twice as fast as everyone else. This is one of those days when less means more.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Those around you will respond better to kindness than coercion today. Also, if you can find it in your heart to forgive someone else's sins today they are more likely to forgive your sins tomorrow. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Island, Water, Rockers, More Water

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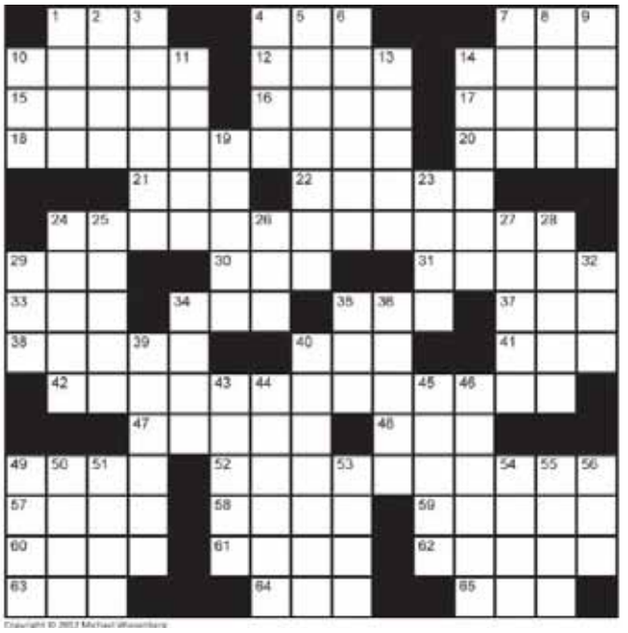

Across
1. Windsor product
4. Volcanic fallout
7. "You're it!" game
10. Building usually without a 13th floor
12. Borscht vegetable
14. Flooring material
15. "Lord, ___?": Last Supper question (3 wds.)
16. Tomb Raider Croft
17. Prayer ending
18. ___ Island: the NE fifth of Nova Scotia (2 wds.)
20. "Mmm-hmm" (2 wds.)
21. Sink clog remover
22. Put together in makeshift fashion (2 wds.)
24. It's to Canada's east (2 wds.)
29. Former Pan Am rival
30. Open, as a keg
31. Airtight farm storage buildings
33. Acorn dropper
34. Hearing organ
35. Sum up
37. "A girl" or "a boy" preceder
38. Give up
40. *The Simpsons* bartender
41. Chomped
42. Rock band from Kingston, Ontario, that has received numerous Canadian Music awards, including 14 Juno Awards (2 wds.), with "The"
47. Assembly of church officials
48. ATM charge
49. Autumn colors
52. Ontario, Superior, et al. (2 wds.)
57. One of 52-Across
58. Thor's dad
59. Ctrl-P in many programs
60. Biggest problems of some celebrities
61. Ripped
62. Dispatches
63. Controversial hockey commentator Cherry
64. Scottish "no"
65. Hi-___: sharply detailed, as a monitor

Down
1. ___ Nostra
2. "Take ___ from me ...": "Heed this advice" (2 wds.)
3. Give another account of
4. Adequately skilled
5. Voyage on 24-Across (2 wds.)
6. Intrepid
7. Canada's quintessential coffee and donut place, familiarly
8. Downwind
9. DNA carrier
10. What not to say when taking a sobriety test
11. Tripoli's land
13. Ballroom dance for two
14. Nationalist Republic of China capital
19. Hertz __-_-Car
23. Southern California univ.
24. Anticipate
25. "Care" or "risk" follower
26. Carcinogenic cigarette smoke ingredient
27. A suspect may have one down pat
28. A dissatisfied diner may opt to leave this (2 wds.)
29. Play (with)
32. Former faster-than-sound jet: initialism
34. Boldly unconventional
35. "You've Got Mail!" ISP
36. Blue and white pottery named for a city in Holland
39. Damsels
40. Amber-colored Portuguese dessert wine
43. Bar of gold
44. Chicken ___ bleu
45. Sharp barks
46. One who listens
49. Bassoon or clarinet
50. As a result, in logic
51. Singer Celine
53. PEI's Green Gables girl
54. Cows, archaically
55. Finishes
56. Rds.

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